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TUAN CHI-JUI IS DEPRIVED OF OFFICE BY MANDATE OF THE PRESIDENT!

Ex-Premier Flees Peking; Dr. Wu Ting-fang Appointed Acting Premier!

GIVE IRISH CHANCE OF SETTLING HOME RULE IN OWN WAY

Ll. George's Plan Is For All Parties to Decide New Constitution

EVEN SINN FEINERS

Will Admit Every Section, Only Retaining Right To Safeguard Treasury

WELCOME IDEA

Parliamentary Group Leaders Hopeful Problem Will Be Solved

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, May 21.—In the House of Commons, today, Mr. Lloyd George, in his statement of the proposals he had made to settle the Irish question, said that there was one thing common to the failure of the attempts at an Irish settlement, namely, that the proposals emanated from the British Government and the British Cabinet. He had, therefore, decided to invite Irishmen themselves to put forward their proposals. Up to the present Great Britain had undertaken all construction work and Ireland all criticism. Once Irishmen were confronted with the problem, they would give due weight to its obstacles and difficulties.

The Government proposed that Ireland should try her own hand at framing an instrument of Government. The experiment had succeeded in Canada, Australia and South Africa and he could not help thinking that what had been accomplished there could be achieved in Ireland.

Quotes Colonial Successes

After referring to the success of methods of settlement, similar to that now proposed in Canada, Australia and South Africa, Mr. Lloyd George added that, of course, no analogy of this kind is complete, but still it is sufficiently complete to demonstrate that equally refractory problems yield to goodwill and common sense. "In Canada and South Africa you had a conflict of races and in at least one of them, a bitter conflict of creeds. In South Africa the banners of the struggling races only quite recently had been steeped in the blood of their sons, yet goodwill and common sense triumphed there."

The Government therefore proposed to summon immediately on behalf of the Crown a Convention of Irishmen in Ireland to submit to the British Government and Parliament a Constitution for the Government of Ireland within the Empire. The Convention must be representative of all classes and interests in Ireland, including the Sinn Feiners. It must be really representative of Irish life and activities in all their forms. It was suggested that the Chairman of the Convention should be nominated by the Crown and the terms of reference should be those contained in his letter to Mr. John Redmond.

Must Represent All Sections

The Premier especially emphasised the necessity for the Convention being thoroughly representative, saying: "This must not be a Convention merely of political parties though they must all be represented—the followers of Mr. Redmond, Mr. O'Brien, the Ulster Unionists, the Southern Unionists and, I hope, the Sinn Feiners also—but, in the main, the view of the Government is that the Convention ought to consist of representatives of the local governing bodies, the Churches, Trade Unions, commercial interests, educational interests, in fact a real representation of Irish life, thought and activity in all their leading aspects. As far as possible we shall

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Only 2,000 Yds. Hindenburg Line From Bullecourt To Arras Is Now Unconquered

British Massed Artillery Is Battering Germans in Open; 100 Divisions Out of Action Since April

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, May 21.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: Our operations between Bullecourt and Fontaine-les-Croiselles successfully continued on Sunday night. We captured a support trench, yesterday evening, after fierce hand-to-hand fighting and beat off counter-attacks, with heavy loss to the enemy.

Our massed artillery is engaging the enemy in the open. A large number of enemy dead have been found and 150 prisoners have been captured. Two divisions of German troops have been engaged in this neighborhood since yesterday morning.

We carried out a successful raid near Loos and drove off a raid made by the enemy, south-westward of Messines.

Sir Douglas Haig reported in the evening: Our new positions in the Hindenburg Line, north-westward of Bullecourt, were secured today, with little interference from the enemy. The severity of the German losses in the recent fighting in this area are confirmed.

With the exception of a sector 2,000 yards in length, immediately westward of Bullecourt, we hold the whole Hindenburg Line from a point one mile eastward of Bullecourt to Arras.

Germans Lose 16 Aeroplanes

A number of successful aerial bombing raids were carried out yesterday and our aeroplanes actively co-operated with our infantry, by attacking the enemy's front-line trenches with their machine-guns. Seven German aeroplanes were brought down, eight driven down and one shot down from the ground. Four of ours are missing.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters states that over 200 enemy dead were counted in the Hindenburg Line after the operation mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's communique yesterday evening and 170 were taken prisoners.

The enemy have employed one hundred and fifty divisions on the Western Front since the beginning of the Allies' offensive in April, of which nearly a hundred have been pulled out of their line again, shattered in the fighting.

Carry Three Miles of Heights

Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters states that the brilliant operation carried out on Sunday has given the French effective possession of the chain of dominating heights, three miles long, overlooking the Valley of the Suippe, between Auberive and Nauroy.

The French command of the Moronvillers group of heights threatens the stronghold from which the Germans have been hammering Rheims. This group constituted a bastion on which the enemy based the security of their extreme left in the Aisne-Champagne battlefield, as Craonne Plateau buttressed their right.

It was while the enemy, yesterday, were attempting to eject the French from Craonne Plateau that the latter captured the left buttress of the enemy's line. This success may have far-reaching strategic consequences.

French Storm Trenches

Paris, May 21.—The official communique issued this afternoon reported: The artillery duel continued during the night, south of Chemin-des-Dames, in the region north-west of Braye-en-Laonnais and on the Cerny to Hurtebise front. A German attack at Froidmont Farm was broken before it reached our lines.

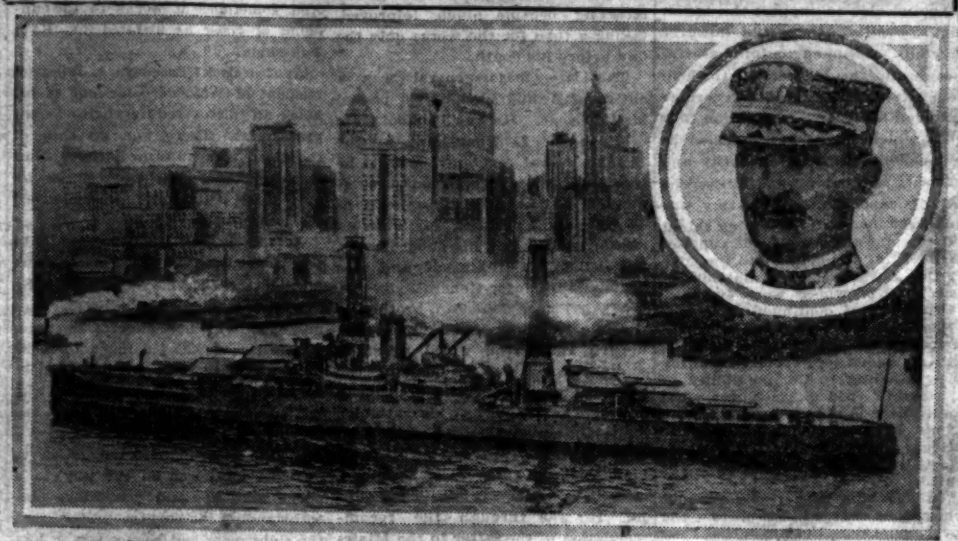
On Sunday evening, in two sectors of the Moronvillers massif, we carried out a fairly important operation, which brilliantly succeeded. We carried several lines of enemy trenches on the northern slopes of Mont Cornillet, on one side and on Casque and Tenon, on the other.

We hold all the important observation posts in this region. Our fire turned back the counter-attacks made by the Germans, with huge losses. We took 890 prisoners and found the enemy's dug-outs piled up with their dead.

The communique in the evening reported:—In the Champagne, the enemy violently bombarded the positions we captured yesterday in the region south of Moronvillers.

Our bombarding aeroplanes, during the night of the 19th, dropped 2,200 kilos of explosives on railway stations and bivouacs in the region of Epoye and Bethenville.

Admiral Henry T. Mayo and His Flagship, The Pennsylvania



Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commander of the United States Grand Fleet and the mighty super-dreadnought that is his flagship. If the United States fleet goes into action at any time against the German High Seas Fleet it would be the Pennsylvania with Admiral Mayo on board that would be in the van of the dreadnought divisions. Some conception of the size of the Pennsylvania may be procured from a comparison of the vessel with the skyline of New York City in the background.

ANOTHER HILL IS WON IN ITALIANS' ADVANCE

Further Extend Vodice Positions; Austrians Renew Assaults, But All Fail

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rome, May 21.—An official communique reports: Dense masses of the enemy vigorously assaulted Pasubio, westward of Monte Dente, but were driven back, with severe loss. We repelled attacks on the northern slopes of San Marco, between Mount Vucognacco and Mount Faiti.

We captured a hill between Palliova and Britovo and extended our positions on Vodice. During the day we took some hundreds of prisoners.

Yonezawa, N. Japan, Devastated By Fire Which Rages 2 Days

Flames Not Yet Extinguished; 3,500 Houses And Official Buildings Destroyed

Reuter's "ocific 'ervice to The China Press

Tokio, May 24.—A conflagration started at 10.30, yesterday morning, at Yonezawa, in northern Japan. The city was still burning in the evening.

3,500 buildings have already been destroyed, including the schools, prison, court-house, police-station, post and telegraph office, newspaper offices and railway-station.

AMERICAN CLUB FETE TO BE GIVEN IN AUTUMN

Women Decide Not To Try To Hold Affair In Summer Because Of Epidemic

The executive board of the American Woman's Club, meeting yesterday definitely decided that the proposed Garden Fete which was postponed because of the scarlet fever epidemic, will not be held until next autumn.

Those holding tickets for the fete, it was decided, may keep them and use them in the fall or they may be turned in and the money refunded. Those ladies holding books of tickets for sale, however, are requested to send them in to Mrs. Hudson. Members of the bag committees may send the bags they have prepared to Mrs. Sites, 69 Route Vallon, and she will pack and care for them until they are needed. Quite a sum of money had been collected for the affair and this will be re-funded or held for use later as the donors desire. The executive board wished to thank sincerely Andersen, Meyer, the British Cigarette Co. and other business houses which gave help toward the fete, and to express their heartiest appreciation to the members and friends who contributed and aided in the work. Committee heads are notified that bills incurred will be O. K'd. by Mrs. Lobingier.

Twenty dollars worth of candy made by the ladies was sold at the meeting yesterday and a quantity which is still left on hand is for sale at Squires, Bingham store. Two new committees have been formed to make or provide hand-sewn articles and small household utensils for the booths, and members are asked to become so many committees of one to work toward the success of the fete throughout the summer.

The British Women's Work Association has notified the club that members may procure sewing materials during the summer months to do work toward the war fund. They will receive credit as the American Women's Branch of the B.W.W.A.

BRITONS OF SHANGHAI WILL CELEBRATE TODAY

Empire Day Exercises Begin At 7.30 This Morning And End With 'Blighty' Tonight

Empire Day will be celebrated in elaborate fashion in Shanghai today. The British Consulate, British business houses, private dwellings, the clubs and the trams are to be decked for the occasion with the national colors and business at most of the British concerns is to be closed at 11 o'clock.

The Boy Scouts and kindred organisations are to set the ball rolling early this morning by marching to the British Consulate where they will raise the flag and be inspected by the Consul-General at 7.30.

Shortly after 11 a.m. the British units of the S. V. C. will assemble for parade to the consulate compound for the salute to the colors. They also will be inspected by Sir Everard Fraser.

The British members of the Shanghai Club will be "at home" to the Allied members at 12.30.

During the morning a number of ladies will sell flowers and tiny flags and will preside over collecting boxes at various points in the Settlement under the auspices of the Overseas Club. All money collected will be turned over to the fund in aid of the Royal Flying Corps Hospital.

A very spectacular program will be carried out on the polo grounds in the afternoon when all the British units, S. V. C., and the Sikh divisions engage in a grand military tournament of contests, drills and maneuvers. The program starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are $1 for adults and half price for children and these funds also will go to the Flying Corps Hospital. A great deal of interest has been evidenced in connection with the tournament according to those in charge. The entire Chinese Company, S. V. C., has indicated that it will attend. Heats for the tug-of-war were run off at the recreation grounds last night.

"Blighty" holds the stage for the evening and a record crowd is looked for at the Lyceum. The bookings for the first performance of the piece have been very large and Shanghai is awaiting with pleasurable anticipation for the opening of this much-talked-of production.

BRITAIN REQUISITIONING UNARMED NEUTRAL SHIPS

Takes Over Vessels In Which Country's Capital Invested, For Better Protection

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, May 21.—The newspapers state that Great Britain is requisitioning three Dutch vessels lying in British ports, besides other neutral ships in which much British capital is invested, on the ground that it is impossible to protect the British interests involved so long as the vessels sail unarmed, under a neutral flag.

GEN. CHANG SHIH-YU ACTS TEMPORARILY IN THE WAR OFFICE

'Precautionary Troops' Organised To Defend Capital And Tientsin

UNDER GEN. WANG

Suspicion Of Militarists' Activities is Spreading To South

CANTON IS UNEASY

Former Revolutionists Join With Parliamentarians To Uphold Constitution

CHINA PRESS' OWN SERVICE

Peking, May 23.-Former Premier Tuan Chi-jui has left Peking. This, following appointment of Dr. Wu Ting-fang as Premier and Gen. Wang Shih-cheng as Commander-in-chief of the Peking-Tientsin forces, reveals that a serious turn in the Chinese political situation has taken place. No one can predict the consequences.

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Peking, May 23.—A Presidential Mandate dismisses Tuan Chi-jui from the Premiership. Dr. Wu Ting-fang is appointed acting Premier.

Further mandates appoint the Vice-Minister of War, General Chang Shih-yu, to take charge temporarily of the Ministry of War and also specially appoint the Chief of the General Staff, General Wang Shih-cheng, as Commander-in-Chief of the precautionary troops in the regions of Peking and Tientsin and the Commander of the Peking Gendarmerie, General Chiang Chao-tseng and the Commander of the 12th Division, General Chen Kwang-yuan, as Deputy Commanders of the same forces.

Canton, May 22.—Suspicion is felt over the actions of the militarists here, especially since the report that the Inspector-General, Lu Yung-ting and also the Military Governor of Kwangtung, General Chen Pin-chun, are recommending General Lung Chi-kwang for re-appointment, while correspondence is already going on between the former revolutionists and also the Republicans, concerning means to oppose militarism and support the Parliament and Constitution.

Sensational Action By Tuchuns Is Expected

(*From The Chinese Press*)

The Tuchuns at the Military Conference who have left the Capital for Hsuchow are Nih Shih-chung, Chang Hui-tse, Wang Chuan-yuen, Li Hua-chi, Meng En-yuan, together with Representatives Chang Hsien of Hielungkiang, Yang Yu-ting of Fengtien, Chao Chuan of Chekiang, and their suite of more than 40 persons. Tuchun Yen Shih-san of Shansi, although he left with the others, has returned to his post. Tuchun Chao Tiao of Honan has also returned to his office but will go to Hsuchow later, while General Tsao Kan remains in the capital.

When Chief Secretary of the Cabinet Chang Kuo-kan interviewed the President Tuesday and asked him for his opinion about a new Cabinet organised under Tuan, Mr. Li promised to agree, but said that Tuan must be very careful in his appointments.

Premier Tuan then announced his intention of organising a Cabinet with Fan Yuen-lien as Minister of Interior, Wang Ta-hsieh as head of Communications, Tsai Yuen-pei as Educational Minister, Li Ching-hsi for Minister of Finance, Admiral Sah for the Navy, Shah Shou-kong for Agriculture and

British Engineering Strike Breaking Up

Most Of The Men Now Back At Work; Rest Are Considering Settlement

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, May 21.—In the House of Commons, today, Mr. Lloyd George stated that engineers generally have resumed work. Meanwhile, meetings are being held in certain places, notably Leeds and Sheffield, to decide whether they shall resume in view of the settlement arrived at on Saturday. A portion of the men at Barrow are still out on strike.

COTTON AMALGAMATION

Tokio, May 23.—It is reported in Osaka that there will be an amalgamation of the Amagasaki and the Settsu Cotton Spinning Companies, and also of the Kanegafuchi and Fukushima Cotton Spinning Companies.

Mail Notices

MAILS CLOSE

For Japan:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kasuga M. May 24
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru May 25
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Chikugo M. May 29
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Hakuai M. June 2

For U.S., Canada, and Europe:—
Per P.M. s.s. Veneguela.....May 24
Per T.K.K. s.s. Tenyo Maru May 28
Per N.Y.K. s.s. K'kura M. June 13
Per T.K.K. s.s. Nippon M. June 14

For Europe:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Katori M. June 3
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kamo Maru June 10

The American mail is due here on or about May 26, per T.K.K. s.s. Nippon Maru.

T. E. Cholerton Killed On the Western Front

Formerly In Shanghai Police And Health Department; Fought Against Boxers

The many friends of Thomas Edward Cholerton will regret to hear of his having been killed in action, somewhere on the western front.

He came to China early in 1900 and first saw active service during the Boxer Rebellion, whilst serving as Leading Signalman on H. M. S. Goliath. In 1903, he arrived in Shanghai, where he spent seven years in the service of the Municipal Council, the first two years in the Police Department and the later period in the Health Department.

In 1910, failing health necessitated a change of climate. He then went to Australia, where he re-entered public health work, first as Inspector in charge of Coolamon District and later as Chief Inspector of Manly. From this position, he volunteered for active service with the Australian forces.

He was appointed to the 17/21 Battalion and subsequently attained the rank of Corporal. After preliminary training on Salisbury Plain, he left for France on April 9.

Telegraphic news arrived on Monday, stating that he had been killed in action. Much sympathy will be extended to his widow and his only child.

Man Power Question Up To Newfoundland

Premier Returns From Conference Determined To Keep Regiments Filled

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

St John's, Newfoundland, May 21.—Sir Willian Morris, the Premier of Newfoundland, has returned from the Imperial Conference. He announces his intention to confer with the Leader of the Opposition respecting measures to maintain the strength of the Naval Reserve and the Newfoundland Regiment until the end of the war.

Memorial Program At American Song Service

Special Addresses And Music To Be Heard At Meeting For Next Sunday

The American Song Service next Sunday afternoon has been arranged with special reference to Memorial Day and a fine program of fitting addresses and music is promised. The meeting will be held at 5 p.m., either at the Palace Hotel or the Masonic Temple, the place to be definitely announced later.

Dr. J. C. Garritt of Nanking will deliver the principal address and there will be special music by the children of the Shanghai American School and orchestra and a duet by Mrs. J. J. Connell and Mr. Shuman. Judge Lobingier will preside. The American Company of the S.V.C. is to attend in uniform. A cordial invitation is extended by the committee to the American community and its friends.

This service will in no way take the place of the civic ceremonies on Memorial Day, May 30.

Commerce and himself as head of the Army.

A certain influential statesman advised Tuan to appoint more members of the Kuomintang for the Cabinet, but the Premier said that even the Chinputang has only Fan as its representative. Besides, the nominees of the Kuomintang could not be accepted under the present circumstances. Asked whether he is quite certain that Parliament will accept his nominees, Tuan said he will find some other means if they are rejected.

When the Tuchuns left the capital, they filed their second memorandum with the Cabinet, stating that Parliament is intentionally misguiding the country in its procrastination on the war issue. No moment should be wasted in dissolving such a body.

The public expects a sensational move from Hsuchow upon the arrival of the deputation, since General Chang Hsun has openly declared himself to be in favor of the dissolution of the Legislature. In his response to the Tuchuns' recent memorandum, he regretted that the action had come too late, but was glad that the country has been awakened at last to the necessity of dissolving Parliament, a move which he advocated long ago. He also asked for unity in ousting this institution and will do his utmost to assist in its accomplishment.

Premier Tuan Chi-jui told some of the Parliamentarians that he is opposed to the dissolution of Parliament and will not leave the capital before the appointment of a competent successor.

Many members of Parliament who belonged to the Kuomintang took refuge in the Hotel des Wagons Lits Tuesday and others went to Tientsin on the same day. Rifles were carried by the police and mounted policemen did patrol duty during the night.

Vice-President Feng Kuo-chang, in a circular telegram, expressed his opposition to the action of the Tuchuns. He said that as soon as the dissolution of Parliament takes place, he will resign.

Dutch Want Fleet For Indies' Defence

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

The Hague, May 21.—The First Chamber has unanimously voted the Budget for the East Indies after a declaration made by a Minister that a strong fleet was necessary to defend the whole Indies.

TURKS WORSTED

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, May 21.—(By wireless). —A Russian official communique reports: We repelled repeated attacks made by the Turks, westward of Ardasi and compelled a body of Turkish cavalry, approaching a height southward of Banes, to retire.

JAPAN TRADE FIGURES

Tokio, May 23.—Japanese foreign trade for the second ten days of the current month shows exports at Yen 58,212,000, imports at Yen 20,404,000, an excess of exports over imports at Yen 37,808,000.

FIRE FATALITY

A general alarm was given about 11.45 last night to a fire at a wine shop down East Yuhang Road, towards Dixwell Road. It proved to be but a small affair and the brigade soon extinguished the outbreak, with little damage done. However, on going over the premises, the firemen found at the top of the stairs the dead body of a man, who had evidently had his escape cut off.

The Weather

Very cloudy weather, but improving. The maximum temperature recorded yesterday was 77.6 and the minimum 59.5, the figures for the corresponding day last year being respectively 79.4 and 59.0.

Reorganised Russian Cabinet Has Nation s Trust, Says Premier

Trouble Caused By Workers' Advisory Council Taking Administrative Powers

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, May 21.—The full texts of the statements made by the Russian Premier, Prince Lvoff, and M. Tereschenko, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, have now been received.

Prince Lvoff showed how serious the situation had been. He explained that the Socialist Parties created the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates with the idea of controlling the work of the Government and also to support the latter. The Council of Delegates however gradually assumed administrative powers and the Provisional Government saw itself faced with orders not given by itself. A situation thus arose which might be described as responsibility without authority and authority without responsibility. The fighting capacity of the Army was thus weakened to an alarming extent and the question of food supplies was bringing the country to the edge of the abyss while symptoms of anarchy everywhere were evident.

Prince Lvoff continued: "Meanwhile, our allies watched us with anxiety and our enemies eyed us with malicious joy, cruelly insulting us by alluding to the possibility of a separate peace. However, the Government is now re-organised and strong in the confidence of the nation. Therefore it expects all its acts will be fully approved and executed.

"In speaking of a peace without annexations or indemnities the Government does not mean that Free Russia will consent to leave under the yoke of German militarism the territories abandoned owing to the criminal negligence by the old regime of the interests of the country and the army. Nor can it remain indifferent to those at present suffering from the horrors of the Germanic invasion and under the heel of the conqueror. The existing armistice at the front, which enables the German Chancellor to formulate the idea of a separate peace, must cease."

M. Tereschenko, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, said that the hope of the people of Alsace-Lorraine for a better future was still alive and they have the right to look forward to the realisation of their idea. Outrage and injustice are never forgotten and violence begets hatred. Liberated Russia wishes this neither for herself nor for others. Russia is also conscious of the ties which bind her to the Allied democracies and the duty these ties impose upon her. Revolutionary Russia cannot and should not weaken these ties, which have been sealed by her blood.

BAGHDAD UNDER BRITISH

Great German Wireless Station There Destroyed

Baghdad (via Bussorah), March 15. —Since our entry into Baghdad there have been the civil and military administration of the city to re-organise, local sources of supplies to be tapped and co-ordinated, the city to be policed, the sanitation to be taken in hand, civil and military hospitals, billeting and sites for various depots to be selected, and bridging and other engineering work to be done. A house-to-house search for arms has been made and a large stock of rifles collected in the citadel.

Only a small proportion of the shops have been opened and these are half empty. The Jewish merchants say they lost £80,000 worth of goods between 2 a.m. on March 11 and our entry at 9 a.m. "The Turks have taken everything," a Jewish rabbi told me; "even the pigeons on the mosques are getting thin." Kurds and the rabble even looted the hospital, carrying off stores, bedding, medicine, and drugs.

On the right bank is a scene of scientific havoc. The German wireless had just been completed at enormous cost. It was one of the most powerful installations of their system and was in direct communication with Berlin. It was blown up early on March 11.

The money locked up in the wireless, the railway station, sidings, workshops, water towers, cranes, and engineering plant must have been millions. In the booking-office, now deserted, there had been a rush for tickets to Constantinople. The last train had gone out at 2 a.m.

The railway workshops contain good machinery uninjured and on the left bank the small arms factory was found in good repair.

DIRECTOR OF RAILROAD DIES OF SCARLET FEVER

Maj.-Gen. Kiang Shao-yuan Has Sudden Relapse And Passes Away

Major-General Kiang Shao-yuan, acting managing-director of the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railways, passed away Tuesday night at his residence, 843 Avenue Road, after a week's illness from scarlet fever. Mrs. Kiang and her 12-year-old son, who had only recently abandoned their home in Tientsin to join him, had been in Shanghai only three days when he died.

When Gen. Kiang was suddenly taken sick last Tuesday, his condition immediately became serious, but later he became much improved, taking a turn for the worse only the day before his death.

The late major-general was a native of Anhui, having just passed his 43rd year. He was a school mate of President Li Yuan-hung at the Tientsin Naval Academy, where he was graduated and received a commission in the army during the Manchu regime. Through his untiring efforts in directing his subordinates, he distinguished himself and was promoted to Major-General.

When Prince Tsai Tao, brother of the late Emperor Kwang Hsu, took his trip round the world to study military conditions in Japan, the United States and the European powers, he acted as his attache. Since the revolution he had been engaged mostly in secretarial work under General Chen Yi of Szechuen, as well as under Premier Tuan Chi-jui. It was through the recommendation of the latter to the Ministry of Communications that he was appointed early this year to the Shanghai post.

Japanese Naval Force Guards Mediterranean

Destroyers Helped Rescue Victims Of Torpedoed British Transport, Says Tokio

Tokio, May 23.—The fact that the Japanese naval forces are in the Mediterranean sea has been kept in strict secret hitherto but the British Press Bureau has announced the sinking of the British transport Cameronia and also the fact that Japanese destroyers have saved over 1,000 people with unprecedented coolness and bravery and made a new record in rescue work. According to the Tokio Asahi of Monday the Asahi Paris Correspondent wired having seen personally the brave work of the Japanese destroyers in escorting army transports to a certain port in the Mediterranean sea and the Entente Powers are now appreciating the activity of the Japanese Navy in the Mediterranean. —*Shanghai Nicht Nicht.*

SCARLET FEVER DEATHS

The municipal health report for the week ending Saturday, May 20, shows two new cases of scarlet fever and two of smallpox during the week. Among the Chinese there were 31 deaths from scarlet fever.

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The long arm of coincidence works sometimes in life as well as fiction. And sometimes it works to the undoing of those as ill-fated as Kyui Tuh-shing.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday a Japanese resident of Wayside came out of his house and discovered the theft of eight grass mats. There was no sign of the thief. He informed the police and deciding it was no use crying over stolen mats, forgot and mourned his loss no more.

At 3.30 he left his house again to pay a business call. Two blocks from his house his ricsha was impeded by a wheelbarrow, as all wheelbarrows are, exactly in the center of the road. As his ricsha was picking a tortuous path around the barrow, the Japanese turned aside to view the coolie who had obstructed him. And on the barrow were his eight mats!

In less time than it has taken to tell this Kyui was on the way to a police station. And yesterday, notwithstanding his earnest protest that the eight mats had been given to him as a gift in token of the esteem in which he was held, he was sentenced to fourteen days.

And he muses today on the ways of fate, the cruel fate that led him on that one street of all streets where the owner of the mats was destined to pass.

Imprisoned For His Art

To Sung Kwe-foo pilfering is a fine art. It matters not, the sordid element of gain. Silk gowns, gold ear-picks, staves of wood—it is the fascination of the process that lures him.

The previous eight times—the eight times; that is, that he happened to be caught—it was all of those things—now staves of wood, now an ear-pick, now a silk gown. The last time, the day before yesterday, it was tin spouting. He was making his way down the street with tin spouting sprouting from all parts of him when a certain professional manner arrested the attention of a policeman, who arrested him.

He made no bones about it in court. Of course, he had stolen it, and who should say why not? Is it not my little pleasure? So he was sent to jail for six months and when he comes out he will be escorted to the boundaries of the Settlement and his face turned westward.

Misunderstanding As Usual

Another innocent victim of persecution is Sung Kwe-foo. Sung was arrested on Tuesday, accused of trying to pick the pockets of Liang Chi-yu. Liang told the policeman he had caught him in the act.

Put up to testify in his own behalf, Sung told a tale of cruel misunderstanding. He had known the complainant for a long time. For some occult reason the complainant bore him a grudge. Once, twice, thrice the complainant had quarreled with him but each time he had forgiven him. Tuesday he met him again. Once more the complainant upbraided him and then lured him to a policeman and then made against him this false, this unjust—and his voice quavered.

Right there the assessor interrupted. What was the name of this complainant whom he had known so long, where did he live and what was his business? Well, er—well—that is, he had forgotten. So he got six months and expulsion.

Fraud Charge

Another session was held yesterday in the trial of six defendants accused of larceny and obtaining goods under false pretenses. The charge against the six men is that last February they opened two shops in Canton Road and a bogus bank on Tientsin Road.

Then they went about among several Chinese hongs, bought $5,000 worth of goods and gave in payment their checks on the bank, the checks not to be presented for payment till several weeks later. When the time expired and the creditors went to the bank to present their checks, they found it closed, it is alleged. The two shops also were closed.

The case was continued. Attorneys for the prosecution are Mr. A. S. Allan, Mr. R. Fukuoka and Dr. Mei. Mr. Sterling Fessenden and Mr. F. W. Hadley are acting as counsel for the defendants.

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Russia Now Demoralised But Pulling Self Together

American Here From Petrograd Says Thousands Of Troops Are Leaving Front Without Orders

A demoralised, undisciplined Russia, with troops by the thousand leaving the front for their homes and civilians making preposterous demands upon the government, but a Russia capable of pulling itself together, weathering the internal storm and presenting an unbroken line to the enemy—these are the impressions just brought from Petrograd by Mr. D. F. Morrison of Gaston, Williams and Wigmore, who has been in the northern capital since last November.

"The people of Russia are beside themselves," said Mr. Morrison. "They are making unreasonable Socialistic demands. They want to take things into their own hands. Some are for peace. Some are not. They must be enlightened as to the true state of affairs and the peril in which their country stands. And they are being so enlightened. The new government is going determinedly about it, and once the Russian people realise the seriousness of the situation facing them, there will be no talk of a sparate peace, there will be a unanimous cry to carry on the war and the Russian republic, or constitutional monarchy, as the case may be, will be safe.

"The change in the ministry has strengthened things. The new ministers are of the strongest men in Russia and they are men who can appeal to their constituents in a far clearer and more intelligent manner and who will be better received and more earnestly harkened to than the others.

"Minister of War Kerenski's trip to the front met with great enthusiasm. The men believe in him. And the government is trying in this way, through both officials and army officers, to bring home the true conditions to the fighting men. All hope of re-organising the army lies in convincing the soldier that he must stand to discipline and that he must fight if his free Russia is to remain free.

"When I left Russia there was no such thing as discipline, in so far as I could observe. When you see soldiers passing officer after officer refusing even to salute it gives you a fair idea of how much discipline there is. On the Trans-Siberian railroad this was brought home more forcibly to us. The troops, without supervision or direction, but entirely on their own, had taken charge of everything. Many of these men were simply on leave but great numbers, we were told, were deserters or men who, when they heard of a free Russia, thought they were through fighting and started for home. The mail trains were entirely in their hands and our train, a limited, was held up 24 hours by homeward moving troop trains ahead of us. There was nothing lawless about their conduct and they were very decent to us always. I understand that on the actual fighting front discipline has not relaxed so and that the men are holding their own.

"The Russian peasant, who forms the greater part of the army, is a fine fighting man. His strength and endurance are wonderful. But he is ignorant of the great things that have transpired. He does not fathom their significance. The words 'free Russia' meant to him an entire relaxation of all discipline and he simply broke away. When he has been enlightened he will go back into the fight with renewed energy, I believe. And just now and for some little time there can be no great activity by the Germans because of the impassable condition of the roads and country. There may be time for the re-organising of the troops before any serious loss occurs."

Mr. Morrison said that food conditions are much relieved in the cities, particularly in the matter of meat and bread but that transportation is at present in a bad state.

Mr. Morrison expects to leave shortly for the United States and will return to Petrograd in the fall.

News Brevities

Mr. Milton E. Springer, a prominent business man of Manila and former president of the Manila Merchants' Association, is spending a few days in Shanghai. He is the guest of Judge and Mrs. Lobingier.

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Commencing at 9.15 tonight at the Victoria, and for one week only, Shanghai will have the pleasure of seeing Chung Ling-soo, the world-famous Chinese illusionist. He will be assisted by Miss Suee Seen. He will also be supported by vaudeville direct from London variety theaters. Seats will be at popular prices.

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The management of the Shanghai Isis Theater announces the portrayal of the Triangle five-part masterpiece, "Going Straight," beginning tonight and running to Sunday night. The well-known and talented American artists, Norma Talmadge and Ralph Lewis, appear in the principal roles. This magnificent and moral photo-play is classed as one of the greatest productions of the year. The story shows how difficult it is for a man who has once erred and reformed to escape from the consequences of his guilty past. There will also be shown a well-selected number of amusing comedies to complete this special program.

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Out of respect to the late Major-General Kiang Chao-yuan, Acting Managing Director of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway and the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway, who passed away last evening, the 3rd annual sports meeting and gymkhana which was arranged for Saturday, has been postponed to a later date.

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Mr. G. T. Lafleche will be appointed to succeed Mr. C. H. Williams as marshal of the United States Consular Court here. Mr. Lafleche came to Shanghai a short time ago from Honolulu where he was attached to the Quartermaster's Department. Mr. Williams leaves office after nine years service, to join the staff of the China Import and Export Lumber Co.

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The promotion of Mr. C. S. Lechner, Vice-Consul of the Dutch Consulate in Shanghai, to be Consul-General at Singapore, was announced in a communication from the Dutch Consul-General, Mr. J. H. de Reus, to Mr. C. H. Chu, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs.

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Members of the Swimming Bath Club are notified that the bath will be opened Sunday.

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The Board of Directors of the Java Consolidated Rubber and Coffee Estates, Ltd., at a meeting yesterday decided to pay an interim dividend of Tls. 1 per share on June 15.

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Mr. Maurice E. Bandman, head of the Bandman Opera Company, arrived yesterday in Shanghai. He is at the Astor House.

Dufault Farewell

Paul Dufault will sing his last song in Shanghai at his farewell concert at the Olympic Theater tomorrow night. The heavy advance booking indicates that the tenor will be given a fitting farewell by an audience worthy his art.

For his farewell appearance tomorrow night, M. Dufault will present an all-request program. Those desiring special numbers are desired to see that their requests reach the Astor House by noon today. The booking is at Moutrie's.

SOCIALISM SPREADS IN GERMAN EMPIRE

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Restaurants, Theaters, and Singing Societies Frustrate Efforts At Suppression

Dusseldorf, April 2.—The rapid increase of socialism in Germany of late is strikingly apparent to any one who returns after a few months' absence. While this increase may, to a certain extent, be explained by the discontent among the men in the army, it is chiefly due to the splendid party organisation of the Socialists. This has enabled them to spread their doctrines very rapidly in spite of the war. The general management of the party remains in the hands of an Executive Committee, with has full power over all Socialist organisations in the country. In every locality of any importance the Socialists are grouped into political clubs, generally called "electioneering clubs," because such clubs have the least to fear from the police.

The German Socialists have placed their party today on a sound financial basis. Every member contributes to the party fund. A portion of this money is used to defray the expenses of the various political clubs, another portion for the Socialist propaganda and the balance is sent to the Executive Committee. The party officers all receive regular salaries. The President of the Executive Committee gets 50 marks a month, the Treasurer 150 marks and the Secretary 350 marks. Socialist members of the Reichstag receive 6 marks a day from the party funds. Those who are not residents of Berlin and who go to the capital to fulfill their duties in the Reichstag receive an additional sum of 25 marks a month. The managing editor of the Vorwaerts, moreover, receives an annual salary of 9,000 marks and the associate editors salaries ranging from 3,000 to 5,000 marks. The authors of Socialist political pamphlet are likewise paid for their work.

The Socialists, besides, keep up at great cost a trained corps of professional agitators to bring recruits to their ranks. These agitators are sent forth periodically from the great industrial centers. From Hamburg, for instance, they are despatched to Schleswig-Holstein, Hanover, and Mecklenburg.

The Socialist leaders have great trouble in obtaining suitable halls for their gatherings. The police use great pressure on restaurant keepers to prevent them letting their halls to Socialists. In garrison towns soldiers are invariably forbidden to enter any restaurant or saloon frequented by Socialists. This is known as the military boycott, to prevent which some innkeepers in Saxony have placed above their front door bearing the notice: "Militant Socialists forbidden to enter."

On the other hand, the Socialists also resort to boycotting methods. They inform these innkeepers that if they refuse their halls for Socialist meetings every member of the party will boycott their places of entertainment. In all the large manufacturing centers the Socialists have been successful in their boycotts. Thus, formerly, in Berlin they had only one large hall in which to hold meetings. By a well-managed boycott they have now obtained as many as they require.

But even after the hall has been procured the Socialists are not at the end of their troubles. Though the laws concerning public political meetings vary in the different States of the Empire, they are invariably severe, and always applied in the harshest manner possible. To begin with, no Socialist meeting can be held in any State of the Empire unless two or three policemen in uniform are present. These policemen are seated on the platform next to the speaker for the evening, and are accompained by a stenographer to take down the substance of every speech. As a rule, they attempt to prevent the orator for the evening from speaking by informing the Chairman that there is an apprentice in the audience, for no apprentice is allowed, according to German law, to be present at a public political meeting. The Chairman then puts the question: "Are there any apprentices at this meeting? If so, I request them to leave." Generally nobody leaves the room. "I see an apprentice," repeats the official, "and consequently, I dissolve the meeting." Nothing then remains for the Socialists to do but to leave the hall.

Far from attaining the desired results such acts of intolerance on the part of the Government add fuel to the fire of discontent among the working classes, and increase the ranks of the Socialists. In Winter the police often dissolve Socialist meetings under the pretext that the hall is too cold.

The Socialists, of course, have other means of spreading their doctrines than these public meetings. The "companions," as they call one another, meet at various social clubs, generally at small restaurants belonging to members of the party. These "party restaurants," to give them their name, are to be found in every town of the Empire. At Munich there are a dozen of more, one of which is kept by a former workingman dismissed by his employers for his active part as a Socialist leader. Deprived in this manner of his means of livelihood, he started a small restaurant with money advanced from the party funds. Today about twenty-five Socialist veterans are habitues of the place; many of them spend their evenings in the library or smoking room reading the Socialist newspapers kept there on file.

The party choral societies, too, are powerful means of Socialist propaganda. There are 635 societies of the kind in Germany, with over 24,000 members. The purpose of these associations is to spread a wide knowledge of Socialist songs among the people. When not interfered with by the police, these societies take part at all the great Socialist festivals and at the weddings and funerals of members of the party. There are several Socialist fetes besides that of May Day, among them being Lassalle's and Karl Marx's birthdays and March 18, anniversary of the Berlin revolution of 1848. The Socialists have their own theaters, known as People's Theaters, in Berlin, Hamburg, and Hanover. Among the Socialist plays given of late years those of Ibsen, Hauptmann, and Sudermann are not most popular.

The German Socialists remain today, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding, as strongly antimonarchical as ever. The Russian revolution has convinced them that, once the war is over, a republican regime will be established in Germany.

Cotton Market Report

Messrs. J. Spunt and Co., write as follows in their weekly cotton market report:—

Chinese Cotton.—The upward tendency of prices continued during the past week and values were carried about Tls. ½ to 1 per picul with a moderate demand from local mills at ruling rates.

New Crop.—Planting operations are in full swing and from various reports to hand we understand that the acreage on an average have been increased by 20%. While this is to be expected under the present circumstances, we regret that the Crop outlook does not appear quite healthy as the rains we have had during the past week has been far from satisfactory, more especially in the Northern provinces, where prolonged droughts have made cultivation rather difficult.

News from the world markets continue to furnish evidence that it considers the present value of raw Cotton as safe so long as the War lasts and from reports from our various correspondents both in Liverpool and New York the consensus of opinion is very bullish, some of whom go so far as to predict higher levels. Recent cables intimate that the acreage in America is reduced by 20%, which will no doubt be reflected on the market.

Under the circumstances, and while not wishing to post as alarmist, we cannot but help feeling that the China markets will respond to the movements in the Cotton markets abroad, more especially when we bear in mind that freights are getting scarcer daily and the inability of buyers to secure rupees. Whereas in the past years the mills in China have been in a position to fill their requirements from India, they will now have to depend entirely on China, and hence the outlook for the New Crop will be watched with considerable interest, and we can only hope for a bumper yield.

For the same reasons, it is rumored that the Japanese Government may prohibit the exportation of Indian Cotton to China which all goes to show the way the wind is blowing. Tone of the market, firm.

Liverpool:—
Egyptan Cotton, F.G.F. Brown 26.25
Price of Fine M. C. Bengal ... 10.96
Price of Mid-Americans 13.44
Price of Mid-Americans last reported 13.26
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New York Market:—
Price of Mid-American. July 20.72
Price of Mid-American. Oct. 20.42
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Perhaps one reason why Mr. Conrad's novels are not as popular as the romance of their matter and the beauty and clarity of their manner entitle them to be is because they are novels of great quests and of absorbing passions; which is to say that they are not, spiritually speaking, of this day and generation.

For in an era of steam and electricity men have neither time nor patience for quests. As though great experiences were so much merchandise, if the one desired be not immediately at hand we take a substitute and go our way, ignorant of lack. And as for absorbing passions, we distrust them to the point of erecting a barrier betwixt us and them, and labeling our own field "sanity," and the mysterious land beyond, first "eccentricity" and then "delusion."

With Mr. Conrad, on the other hand, whether it be a touch of the Orient in his Slavic blood, or the catching of his dramatic sense by the timeless Arab fatalism of the Malay Archipelago in and out of which he wandered so long, a waiting for the Event is as instinctive as the drawing of breath. The Event is not always, perhaps it is rarely, defined in the soul of the seeker. Sometimes it is love, sometimes the achievement of ambition—this last, by the way, almost always tragically frustrated—sometimes, as in the present tale, it is the crossing of the Shadow Line between untried youth and tested maturity, a line which may be crossed in an hour, but upon which there is no backward turning. Always it is the one event calculated to prove the powers of the individual soul; none other can possibly serve, none other is ever attempted, except to the end of disaster.

Linked logically and inevitably with this ideal unity of man and his experience is his capacity for great and consuming passion. Not the passion either of the sentimental of the modern "gripping" school, it is needless to say, but of the antique mold and stature that once led men to the belief in an indwelling demon. Some characters, like Almayer and Willems, too slight or too unworthy by nature for the inhabitation of a god, the demon rends. Others, like the hero of "The Shadow Line," achieve the fullest measure of manhood. Whether they win or lose, they at least play for great stakes; nothing less than for all they are and can hope to be, in this world and the next.

Long before the catacysm now wheiming the world was dreamed of Mr. Conrad wrote of himself in "A Personal Record," that most unusual of autobiographies:

"Those who read me know my conviction that the world, the temporal world, rests on a few very simple ideas, so simple that they must be as old as the hills. It rests notably, among others, on the idea of Fidelity. At a time when nothing which is not revolutionary in some way or other can expect to attract much attention I have not been revolutionary in my writings."

This statement, made with Mr. Conrad's explicit accuracy in self-analysis, has double significance in relation to hs latest work. It is as though the great writer, weary not only with years, but with the madness of the world, had by a supreme effort of the will thrown off the burden of personal anxieties and of hopes and fears for his native and adopted countries, and had gone back to that great passion for the sea that over and over again he has pictured as being the only passion to which a man may give himself unreservedly and gain, not lose, his liberty. In a moment of supreme revolution he has turned from its struggle, not because he is unable to face it, but rather to lay hold upon the permanent things in nature and in the soul of man that underlie it and will outlast it. The cornerstone of his faith is indeed Fidelity.

"The Shadow Line" is a brief novel, and its action takes place during less than a month in a young man's life. This young man suddenly resigns an excellent berth as ship's mate, out of whim, as far as apparent reasons go. He could not explain it even to himself, except that all at once, "the past eighteen months, so full of new and raried experience, appeared a dreary, prosaic waste of days. I felt—how shall I express it—that there was no truth to be got out of them."

Perhaps most young people have this feeling at one time or another; its persistence accounts for much of the obscure melancholy of youth. And upon the way in which it is met depends the future—depends that momentous crossing of the Shadow Line, or the frustrate lingering on the hither side, which is all that many a soul knows of life.

But Mr. Conrad's hero, having been faithful to his task before the Call came to him, and faithful to his mistress the sea, is now faithful to himself. He enters upon his quest for the unknown truth blindly indeed, but with a firmness which other men called obstinacy, and a reverence unsuspected even by himself.

His probation was not long, but it was arduous. To the terrors of calm in the tropics and a fever-stricken ship was added the dead hand stretched against them of his predecessor in command, the wicked old captain who had lacked only the power to take the ship and all in it with him on his last dark voyage, as a savage chieftain takes with him his wives and slaves and hunting gear. Day after day, night after night, the silent struggle went on, set upon that vast stage of "stars, sun, sea, light, darkness, space, great waters; the formidable Work of the Seven Days, into which mankind seems to have blundered unbidden. Or else decoyed."

At last one night the stars went out. No one could know who was about to happen, no one could avert it by a hair's breadth:

"There was still no man at the helm. The immobility of all things was perfect. If the air had turned black, the sea, for all I know, might have turned solid. It was no good looking in any direction, watching for any sign, speculating upon the nearness of the moment. When the time came the blackness would overwhelm silently the bit of starlight falling upon the ship, and the end of all things would come without a sigh, stir, or murmur of any kind, and all our hearts would cease to beat, like run-down clocks."

In this scene we feel that the young captain crosses his Shadow Line. Here he finds what he has been seeking—his manhood, the place in the world of men and of nature appointed for him from the beginning, which is the final truth.

"We must try to haul this mainsail close up, I said.

"The shadows swayed away from me without a word. Those men were the ghosts of themselves, and their weight on a rope could be no more than the weight of a bunch of ghosts. Indeed, if ever a sail was hauled up by sheer spiritual strength it must have been that sail, for, properly speaking, there was not muscle enough for the task in the whole ship, let alone the miserable lot of us on deck."

About "The Shadow Line" there is an extraordinary atmosphere of beauty. Not merely in its verbal descriptions of the "gorgeous and barren sea," or of the ship which, "clothed in canvas to her very trucks . . . . seemed to stand as motionless as a model ship set on the gleams and shadows of polished marble," though not even in "Youth" has the author dipped his pen in whiter magic. It is a beauty deeper than mere words go.

THE FORD

The Ford. By Mary Austin. Illustrations in tint by E. Boye Smith. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. $1.50 (gold).

It is a very great pleasure to welcome to the fine company of worthwhile achievements of American fiction the truth-woven tapestry of Mrs. Austin's new novel. It is rich and glowing with local color, its pages are alive with a host of veracious men, women, and children, its tale of struggle, defeats, and successes moves with a pace as vertical as if it were a true chronicle of an actual community; a sense of character, keen, subtle, and dominant to a degree unusual in American novels, inspires the whole course of the narrative, and it tells a vital, interesting, moving tale of human life. In previous novels Mrs. Austin has shown her ability to do distinguished work, but in none of them has she evinced such capacity for weaving into a story so comprehensive a view of the life of a community, with its tangled interrelations, its drama, its overflowing richness of character, and, since it is a community of Western America, its indestructible spirit of democracy.

The scene is in California, and the tale is concerned with the fortunes of a group of people whose lives are intimately bound up with contests over water rights, with what happens when the small farmers cannot get water from the bountiful river for the saving of their lands with the excitements and the sudden fortunes and the blights of discovery of oil, and, dominating everything else, with the significance to farmers and oil developers and workers of every sort of the big man, the capitalist who can make or break any of them.

His name is T. Rickart, but he is known to everybody, to those who work for him and those who work against him, to those who love and those who hate him, as "the Old Man." Mrs. Austin does not seem to devote much attention directly to him. But he looms all the time as the fateful figure behind the hopes, the fears, the efforts of all the people in the book. Now and then the reader meets him personally. And in all the range of American fiction the man who captains his own abundant success has never had a more truthful, a more interesting and convincing portrayal. His engaging, compelling, and irresistibly human personality is alone sufficient to explain why he has been so successful.

The portrayal has its culmination in this sentence, near the end of the book: "It came over him again that the key to the Old Man's success was, after all, knowledge, knowledge of land and minerals, knowledge of law, and, more than anything else, knowledge of men, knowledge of everything except that strange, ineradicable quality of men called righteousness, the thing he could not always calculate in others or get the better of in himself." The creation of T. Rickart, the Old Man, is an achievement in itself, but the story has many other characters warmly interesting because of the subtlety with which they are conceived and the truth and vigor of their delineation—Mr. Brent, with her dislike of ranch life, her constant effort to keep the evening gatherings of the family up to "company" pitch, and the needle-points of complaint with which she could keep her patient husband smarting; Virginia, with her ineradicable sense of the dramatic; Kenneth Brent, with his father's love of the soil and his halting sinew of practical effort.

Love interests come into the story but slightly, for it is too deeply concerned with the things that men and women wrestle for with all their souls and with every ounce of their energies, and the canvas is too broad and comprehensive for love affairs to hold much of the attention. But its colors warm the wide and varied tapestry here and there, friendship plays its part, and love of the spacious out of doors but adds its own distinction. There is not a little humor, too, of a refined, subtle, and satiric sort. And the accounts in the early part of the book of the children who grow up to take their share in its action, their developing characters, their play, their relations to one another, are done with so much truth and sensitiveness and keen understanding that they deserve a special word of commendation.

The broad, inclusive design of the work makes it different from the usual American novel, whose stream is prone to be narrow but swiftly moving. Nevertheless, it has much story interest, with many dramatic situations, although in its entirety it lacks the dramatic sense which Mrs. Austin evinced so compellingly in her early novel, "Isibro." It loses, also, in sustained interest and impressiveness as a whole by the slowness of its movement, its wonderful richness of detail, and the author's increasing absorption in the philosophical attitude toward life. Her sense of the dramatic in the procession of life seems, unfortunately for her art, to be in danger of being submerged in her sense of the philosophic, which, however, is strong and sane and vital. But as a tapestry of life, rich and warm and true in its portrayal of a locally characteristic and thoroughly American community, and woven with grace and sincerity and distinction, her new novel deserves a high place among the achievements of American fiction.

JERRY OF THE ISLANDS

Jerry of the Islands. By Jack London. Frontispiece in color. New York: The Macmillan Company. $1.50 (gold).

In what was doubtless one of the last books to come from his pen, Jack London has used a canine hero, just as he did in one of the first to bring him fame, "The Call of the Wild." But except for that fact, and for the sympathetic knowledge of dog nature and deep love for dogs, there is no similarity between the two books. For this new story has its scene under tropic skies on the Solomon Islands, and the dog, which is the hero, although he is constantly in the limelight and it is his story that is being told, has always a background of human beings with whose lives and fates his own are intertwined. Moreover, for Jerry, golden-red Irish terrier, the ancestral life of the wilderness has no call. He loves and serves the man-god so utterly that never is there the least waning of his fealty. And finally, so kind is fate to him, his devotion has its due reward, for after adventures manifold and perilous and many hair-breadth escapes, he chances upon a couple, at once identified by the reader as Mr. and Mrs. London on their South Sea cruise, whom he adopts as his own particular human deities. And they carry him away with them to "a fabled valley of far California," where he lives out his days in devotion and happiness.

The story is full of South Sea adventure and fairly glows with South Sea atmosphere. Jerry's first journey out into the world, from his puppy home on one of the Solomon Islands, is on a blackbirding schooner which cruises about among the islands, returning the black "boys" who have served their term of contract labor on some plantation, and recruiting new ones from head-hunting cannibal tribes. It is a danger-wedded business and the skipper presently loses his head and Jerry has many and unusual things happen to him while he lives with the cannibal tribe. Among them he is saved from the eating pot by a blind old cannibal who takes him through a wonderful course of instruction until they become able to talk together in a language of whiffs and whuffs and breathings and gurgles. And on a dark night the two of them with a bow and arrows repel an attack from the blind man's feud enemies and drive away a dozen men with guns.

An interesting character is this blind old cannibal, and so is old Bashti, the head of the tribe, who has lived long and seen many things and thought much about them. He has some budding ideas on the subject of eugenics, thwarted, however, by the shelling of the settlement by a British cruiser in punishment for the killing of the skipper, and he has much curiosity on the subject of death and the soul of man. Mr. London makes him a bit too philosophic to be entirely convincing. More plausible and almost as interesting is another royal black person, named by the skipper "King of Babylon," who has his own ideas of the divine right of Kings.

The story suffers a good deal from excess verbiage. A severe course of blue-penciling would have improved its strength, beauty, and appeal. This fault is at its worst and most discouraging in the early chapters, before the reader's interest has been awakened. But if, by dint of hope and skipping, he goes on he will be well repaid. For Jerry is one of the dearest of dog-creatures, high-hearted, of heaven-sent courage, devoted and loving and wise, and Mr. London has written his story with penetrating and loving sympathy and understanding. It is a good note for a man to lay down his pen upon.

GRAPES OF WRATH

Grapes of Wrath. By Boyd Cable, E. P. Dutton & Co. $1.50 net. (gold).

A great battle, part of a "big push," and what it is like "from the point of view of an ordinary average infantry private"—this is the theme of the new and extremely interesting book by the author of "Between the Lines." Vividly, tersely, dramatically does he relate the experiences of the four men who are his heroes. Heroes, according to the finest and the highest meaning of the word. In the new army of Britain they were chums; in ordinary life they would scarcely even have met. For Larry Arundel was well educated and well bred, and for him a comfortable place in his father's firm was waiting; Billy Simson had been an errand boy and "counter hand" in a small suburban shop; B. Sneath, generally known as "Pug," was a boy of the London streets, while the fourth of the quartet was called by the name of his birthplace—Kentucky. Very different they were; but each did his bit, each was a loyal friend, and in the end each confronted his fate with splendid courage. For not one of them came through unscathed.

From the comparatively safe and comfortable position behind the lines they go through wrecked village and communication trenches forward to the firing line. Hours spent in a trench which is being pounded to pieces by the German guns, minutes which seem like hours spent crossing No Man's Land to capture a German position, slimy mud, drizzling rain, cold and wounds and death—and above it all that wonderful cheeriness of the British Tommy which has amazed the world. "They knew not the moment when one of those shells . . . might smash into the trench among them; knew that all of those there would presently be deep in the heart of the battle and slaughter that raged so close to them . . . and yet—they laughed." The chances of war, Larry's brief moment of command, Pug's desire to obtain a German helmet for "a soo-venir," a desire which, though he never knew it, changed a retreat into a successful attack, the taking of prisoners, the coming of the absurd-looking, death-dealing tanks—these and many other things are related with a force, a convincing power, and an understanding of the human side of it all possible only to one who, like Mr. Cable, is an exceptionally able writer as well as having been a participant in similar events. And then—then the dressing-station in the captured German dug-out, and the man who died trying to console his friend with assurances that "I'm orright." He must, indeed, be hard of heart who can read that chapter unmoved.

It is Kentucky, the American who had enlisted in the English Army because, as he explained, "some of us never really agreed with the sinking of liners and the murder of women and children," and then came at last to fight whole-heartedly for England "because I've got to be proud of her and of belonging to her," who sees the vision which explains the title and sums up the meaning of it all. For as he comes painfully across that patch of ground over which a few hours before the battle had raged, the lines of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" rush up into his mind, and he understands their meaning and their prophecy: "Here surely in these broken dead, in the silent, dejected prisoners . . . was Germany's vintage, the tramplings out of the grapes of a wrath long stored." And something speaks to him plainly and clearly; "He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat," and he realises that for Germany "there is nothing left but defeat, that she is to be made to pay to the last bitter squeezings of the grapes of wrath for the blood and misery she has plunged Europe into." For himself, though he has done his share and more, he takes the words "He is sifting out the hearts of men" as a command to go back, back into horror and death. So does the great American hymn give title and summing up to this picture of the army of one of our allies, a picture etched with steel in lines of fire and blood and heroism unsurpassed. "Grapes of Wrath" is indeed a memorable book.

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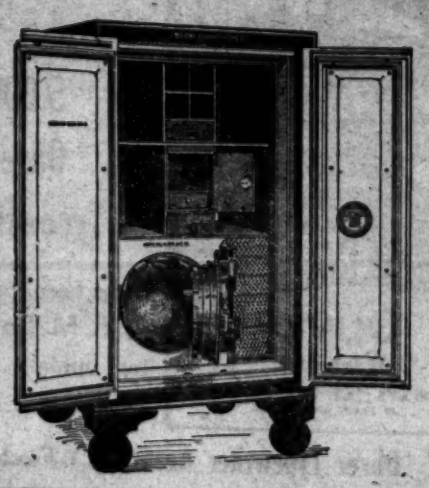

SPORTS — Latest News of Athletic World — GOSSIP

Lesson Drawn for China In Olympic Meet Results

Must Begin Athletics in Primary School to Develop Hardy People, Says Mr. Crocker

"The reason why China was outclassed at the recent Olympic games," said Mr. J. H. Crocker, honorary secretary of the Far Eastern Athletic Association, yesterday, "was that we went up against two nations who have been enjoying a play life for the last 15 years. Children in the Philippines and Nippon are trained from childhood, while our boys lack the kind of care-free play which their Oriental rivals indulge in in their primary schools."

"Five years ago," continued Mr. Crocker, "I made a statement that we must begin athletics from the very root of educational institutions, the primary schools, with games between cities and provinces. We can not depend entirely upon college athletics.!

"We excelled in football and volleyball, because down south so many school children take part in these games. I feel sure that we have to begin to get our boys at athletics much earlier, say from nine to fifteen in preparatory schools, and not wait until they get into colleges.

"Our men did their best at the games. The decisions were fair and the management was excellent, as the Japanese made elaborate preparations and entertained us splendidly. Banquets and amusements kept us busy all the time."

Two More Nations To Enter

It was announced yesterday that Siam and the Malay States will send participants to the Fourth Far Eastern Olympic Games to be held in Manila, in the latter part of May, 1919. After that day the big event will be held in every four years instead of two.

China will hold its fourth national athletic meeting in Shanghai about two weeks before the Manila event. The management has found that the selection of athletes in different centers did not furnish enough competition to the contestants, so a national affair will take the place of the several inter-collegiate meets.

As the Far Eastern Olympic Games are preparatory events to develop athletes for the European Olympic Sports, the date of the Oriental competitions will hereafter be fixed at one year before that of the West. Japan is ready to send representatives to the Western Olympiad in the Marathon race and the swimming events, of which her records in the last contest almost equalled the world's records in these sports.

The Far Eastern Athletic Association also decided yesterday to hold a national athletic meet in Canton, November 8, 9 and 10 this year. The object of the meet is to develop field and track athletes in South China. Competitors will be sent from North and East China. A special attraction of the meet will be a series of exhibition games between the champion volleyball team of Manila and the China team which brought back laurels from the recent Tokio contest.

Detailed Score Of Games

The following table shows how the points went at the Tokio Games:

Event	Japan	Philippines	China
Decathlon	5	4	0
Tennis Singles	5	4	1
Tennis Doubles	5	3	0
Swimming	47	3	3
100-Yard Dash	1	5	0
220-Yard Dash	3	3	0
440-Yard Dash	5	1	0
880-Yard Run	6	0	0
One-Mile Run	6	0	0
120-Yard Hurdles	0	4	2
220-Yard Hurdles	0	6	0
Broad Jump	0	6	0
High Jump	0	0	6
Shot Put	0	5	1
Discus Throw	0	5	1
Javelin Throw	3	2	1
Half-Mile Relay	2	3	0
Pentathlon	5	0	4
Modified Marathon	9	0	0
Baseball	10	0	0
One Mile Relay	3	2	0
20-Mile Bicycle Race	5	1	0
Pole Vault	0	1	5
One Mile Swim	6	0	0
Football	0	6	10
Basketball	0	10	6
Volleyball	0	6	10
Totals	120	80	48

Summary of Events

The following is the summary of the events:—

One-mile run—Taku, Inouye and Suzuki, all of Japan, first, second and third respectively. Time: 4:56 4-5.

Running broad jump—Cardenas, Saavedra and Santos, all of Philippines, finished first, second and third respectively. Their respective distances were: 21 feet, 9 in.; 21 ft., 6 in., and 21 ft., 3 in.

100-Yard Dash, Final—First, Catalona (P); second, Llaneta (P); third, Madono (J). Time: 10 seconds flat. (New record).

220-Yard Dash, Final—First, Catalona (P); second, Madono (J); third, Hattori (J). Time: 23 4-5 sec.

120-Yard High Hurdles, Final—First, Rabayu (P); second, Chang (C); third, Lazada (P). Time: 17 sec. (New record).

Modified Marathon, ten miles—First, Hashimoto (J), 55 minutes, 57 1-5 seconds; second, Kato (J), 56:44; third, Sasaki (J), 60:00 3-5.

440-Yard Dash, Final—First, Yamanouchi (J); second, Saeki (J); third, Ablan (P). Time: 55 seconds.

Discus Throw—First, Montes (P), 109 feet (new record); second, Alyarez (P), 102 feet; third Liu (C), 98 feet 11 inches.

High Jump—First, Yuan (C); second, Kuo (C); third, Chen (C). Height: 5 feet 6 inches.

220-yard low hurdles—(final)—I. Astraquillo (P), first; Bello (P), second; Sapnu (P), third. Time: 28.3.

Shot put—Alvarez (P), first; Cabnilla (P), second; Meng (C), third. Distance: 35 feet, 1½ inches.

Half-mile relay—won by Philippines (Ablan, Saavedra, Llaneta, Catalona); Japan, second; China, third. Time: 1:38.1.

Javelin throw—Saito (J), first; Cardenas (P), second; Chen (C), third. Distance: 143 feet, 6 inches.

880-yard run—Taku (J), first; Yamanouchi (J), second; Sawada (J), third. Time: 2:12.1.

Pentathlon—won by Sagiyama (J), 295 points; Tu (C), second, 287 points; Chu (C), third, 252 points.

Two Mile Run (Open)—Taku (J), first; Kato (J), second; Suzuki (J), third. Time: 11 minutes 5 seconds.

One Mile Relay—Won by Japan (Miyake, Sagiyama, Yamanouchi, Saeki); Philippines, second. Time: 3:41 (New Record).

20-Mile Bicycle Race—Ikeda (J) first; Fujiwara (J), second; Aldaguer (P), third. Time: 1 hour, 2 minutes, 52 2-5 seconds.

Pole Vault—Ting (C), first; Kuo (C), second; Llanes (P), third. Height: 10 feet 6 inches.

One Mile Swim. Imamura (J), first; Nojiu (J), second; Nakada (J), third. Time: 29:48.

Decathlon—Noguchi (J), first, 678 points; Villanueva (P), second, 646 points; Saavedra (P), third, 623 points.

50-Yard Swim. Saito (J), first; Ukai (J), second; Migallon (P), third. Time: 26 3-5 (New Record).

100-Yard Swim. Saito (J), first; Uchida (J), second; Shirayama (J), third. Time: 1:05 (New Record).

220-Yard Swim—Uchida (J), first; Ikegaya (J), second; Ukai (J), third. Time: 2:48 1-5 (New Record).

220-Yard Breast Stroke—Takahama (J), first; Lei (C), second; Matsumoto (J), third. Time: 3:29 (New Record).

440-Yard Swim—Nojiu (J), first; Kato (J), second; Tamai (J), third. Time: 6:11 1-5 (New Record).

880-Yard Swim—Uchida (J), first; Yamaki (J), second; Ikeda (J), third.

Interport Rifle Match

The team selected to represent Shanghai in a friendly match between Shanghai and Hongkong, held under the auspices of the Shanghai Rifle Association, shot off yesterday morning at 6.30 and compiled a total score of 918 points. The weather conditions were fairly good. The following are the scores:

	200	500	600	Total
W. E. Sauer	33	32	32	97
R. K. Hykes	30	33	33	96
G. H. A. Snow	30	32	33	95
K. McKelvie	32	33	29	94
A. M. Collaco	30	29	32	91
O. L. Ilbert	33	34	24	91
W. J. Monk	27	31	31	89
H. Kodaira	29	30	30	89
E. H. Lynch	32	29	28	89
C. E. M. Thomson	31	31	25	87
				918

average 91.8.

The thanks of the Association are due to the Umpires, Mr. Brodie A. Clarke, of Shanghai, Mr. W. J. E. Forsyth of Hongkong and Mr. D. McAllister, and to Messrs. F. W. Snape, P. G. Tate, W. G. Smith and T. Spring for acting as scorers.

Sports Correspondence

Fancy But Hazardous

Sporting Editor, THE CHINA PRESS

Sir:—Shanghai has this year got as good a baseball squad as it has had at any time in the last four years. I don't go back further. As they are so good, let us try and make them even better and the earlier any faults are corrected the better.

I noticed it myself and heard many comments during the week-end games on Sokall's style. He is a fine first baseman, but he has one fault which could easily be corrected and is worth correcting. He catches the ball, then swings it behind him and every so often it is knocked out of his hand by the runner.

If he keeps that up, some day there will be a close decision and, likely enough, unseemly argument. Yours, &c.,

FAN.

Japan-Odessa Steamer Line is Being Planned

Tokio, May 23.—To have more intimate trade relations between Russia and Japan there is a plan to open a steamship line between Japan and Odessa. The South Russian Commercial and Industrial Society has proposed to the Russo-Japanese Society the following schemes:—

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3. Waltz, "Nights of Gladness" Ancliffe
4. Selection "The Chieftain" Sullivan
5. Song, "The Song You Sang to Me" ..... Molloy
6. (a) Two Step, "Mr. Jollyboy" Higgs
   (b) Waltz, "Rendezvous" Zulueta
7. Selection, "The Quaker Girl" Monckton
8. Waltz, "The Chorsters" ....Phelps
9. (a) Intermezzo, "Filinette" Fletcher
   (b) March, "Folie Bergere"
10. Song, "Mona" ..... Adams
11. Intermezzo, "Kismet" ....Markey
12. Selection, "The Pink Lady" Caryll

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Constantine Threatens To Fight Allies Unless Crown is Guaranteed

Washington, April 21.—King Constantine of Greece has served a semi-ultimatum on the Entente Allies through the British Minister at Athens, it was learned on the highest diplomatic authority here today. At a long conference with the representative of the British Government, the Greek King offered to form a Cabinet agreeable to the Entente nations if guarantees were given him as follows:

1.—That the French Army would not invade Greece.

2.—That he, King Constantine, would not be dethroned by Great Britain and France.

The alternative would be war with Greece, the King is said to have informed the British diplomat.

After the conference between the King and the Minister, Alexander Zaimis, formerly Premier, who, while loyal to the King, has had leanings toward the Entente, communicated with the British Minister, promising him to form a Ministry at the invitation of the King, to be composed of a personnel acceptable to the British and French Governments, on condition that the Anglo-French blockade of Greece should first be lifted. It is understood that the British Minister made no final reply to the propositions of either the King or Zaimis, but indicated that he would communicate them to his Government and await instructions.

The opinion was expressed here today that the Greek question will be one of the first of the international problems to be passed upon by Foreign Minister Balfour in the course of his stay in the United States. The London Foreign Office, it was suggested, would cable him the Greek proposals and await his instructions before directing the British Minister at Athens how to proceed.

The position taken by King Constantine brings to a crisis not only his personal fate, but that of his nation. It is understood that the French strategists maintain that a further invasion of Greece is essential, and that both England and France are reluctant to lift the blockade. Both nations are credited with favoring the dethronement of King Constantine, and a decision will be caused by his announcement to them through the British Minister at Athens that he will resist either an invasion of Greece or an attempt to dethrone him.

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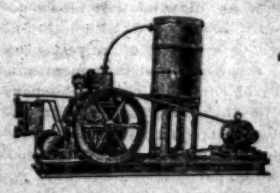

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SHANGHAI, MAY 24, 1917

President Li and Dr. Wu

BY depriving Premier Tuan Chi-jui of office and appointing Dr. Wu Ting-fang as acting-Premier, President Li Yuan-hung has boldly and fearlessly faced the situation created by the recent actions of the 22 Tuchuns and their representatives in Peking. The latter, or most of them, according to report, had left the Capital, breathing threats against Parliament. They had demanded that it be dissolved by the President. They had demanded that Premier Tuan be retained in power. They had declared that they would leave the capital and resign from Government employ in order that they might be free to take independent action. They had threatened that they would go to Hsuchowfu and hold another conference—with Chang Hsun!

Well, they have their answer. The President, by mandate, has removed the Premier they supported and he has not dissolved Parliament. The President has defied them. The next move is up to them. The President and Parliament remain on the job and the Cabinet is undergoing reconstruction. The Tuchuns either are going to continue to take their orders from the President, Cabinet and Parliament or they are going to start a rebellion. It is, as we say, their move.

Meantime, now that they are out of Peking, things may go more smoothly there. Indeed, if the Tuchuns will listen to reason, there is every likelihood that President Li and Dr. Wu will be able to rectify the situation which their presence created, and that good Chinese common-sense will score one more victory. One thing we feel sure of: Parliament will listen to President Li and Dr. Wu and they in turn will listen to Parliament.

Certain factions of Parliament have been alienated by Premier Tuan's methods. In fact his attitude towards the President and towards Parliament turned them against his war policy. They did not want war while Tuan was Premier. Now that he is out of the way and the Tuchuns are out of the Capital, Parliament, except there be an attempt at a military coup, may be expected to resume orderly consideration of the business before it, including the Constitution and the proposed war on Germany. President Li's attitude all along has been that if Parliament wants war it can have it, and this we understand also is Dr. Wu's view. They have been holding out for the proper transaction of the business. If the war is to be declared, let the step be taken in an orderly and constitutional way.

We cannot close without extending congratulations to the President on the step he has taken in appointing Dr. Wu to serve as Premier in this crisis. We are fully aware of the reluctance with which Dr. Wu emerged from the ease and comfort of private life and plunged into the political maelstrom of Peking. Only the most poignant realisation of his country's need could have inspired this patriotic action. Now that a still higher call on his patriotism has come, we feel sure that he will not fail. He is a veteran who has served his country long and faithfully; he is entitled to pass his remaining years in quieter and more philosophical pursuits than those which will engross him as Premier in Peking in these piping political times. But the President in his extremity—the gravity of the present crisis cannot be exaggerated—has called upon him to make another and still greater sacrifice. The experienced grasp of affairs, both domestic and foreign, which distinguishes Dr. Wu from most of his countrymen, together with that acute appreciation of the need of unity in China which has kept him clear of party entanglements and estrangements, make him the ideal man for the emergency.

It is always a mistake in a democracy to make a military man Premier. Dr. Wu is a civilian. Also, he is by nature and by training a diplomat. More important still, he did his best work and gained his most useful experience in the United States. He knows what a republic ought to be and what a real republic is. Given the chance he will do great things for China. Here's success to him.

Correspondence

Gula Kalumpong Rubber Estates, Limited

Editor, THE CHINA PRESS

Sir:—If the London Management of this Company would resort less to omissions there would be less necessity for newspaper correspondence to put before the shareholders what the Company's printed report should do.

The Management lays particular stress upon:

"The representative of the Shanghai shareholders could not find a seconder for any of his resolutions."

Mr. Bauld represented at that meeting 160 shareholders owning 167,235 shares and it should be needless to comment upon the fairness of that meeting which would not provide a seconder in order to bring a question regularly before a meeting for discussion and voting.

The Chairman omitted to state for the information of the shareholders that the result of the poll was:

For the management 136,308
Shanghai shareholders 125,646

The Board also instructs Messrs. Ashurst, Morris, Crisp and Company to advise that:

"In addition to the votes received for the directors they were supported by holders of 34,100 additional shares though the votes could not be used at the meeting."

Through omission again of reasons why these shares could not be used there is a puzzle which I believe I am right in assuming refers largely to shares purchased in Shanghai by one of the leading London directors just before the meeting, which could not be voted as the Articles of Association necessitate three months registration before meeting.

"It is an ill wind that blows no-one any good," and although the present war is one of universal regret, the London management and Board of Directors of this Company can be thankful that through the incidental irregularity of and extraordinary delay in delivery of mail the Shanghai shareholders were not in the majority at the last meeting.

In view of the strength shown by the Eastern shareholders in this large Company, a better policy for the London management instead of belittling the efforts for recognition is to rest on the fact that they won at the last meeting and adopt a policy looking for harmonious working with all the shareholders as a part recompense for the mistake of moving this Company from Shanghai to London. I am,

F. W. SUTTERLE.

Shanghai, May 23, 1917.

Perfectly Natural

Robust Old Gentleman (to sick woman just arrived at health resort)—When I first came here I hadn't strength to utter a word; I had scarcely a hair on my head; I couldn't walk across the room, and I had to be lifted from my bed.

Sick Woman—You give me great hope. How were you cured?

Robust Old Gentleman.—I was born here.

His Prophecy Fulfilled

"When I was a boy, the doctor said if I didn't stop smoking cigarettes I would become feeble-minded."

"Well, why didn't you stop?"

Inconsiderate

Mrs. Hubbubs isn't it awful? Mrs. Dashaway's husband has run off with the cook?

Mrs. Hubbubs—Yes, and it's so hard to get a cook, too.

CHIN-CHIN

Hear! Hear!

Britons were asked to prove it and today, the great day of their year, they are repeating, more proudly than ever:

"And every ship that passes says:
'How do ye do' to we,
"Dips low to the shine of the long grey line,
"To the Mistress of the Sea!"

SCOT.

Why is the temper of these parts so peevish? Nearly everything we get is the airing of a grouch. Vide this accumulation of spleen, all in a day's mail.

Try Your Luck at Kiangwan

O Joss: There is a lift (Am. "elevator") of Teutonic manufacture in a certain hostelry in town, which may be likened unto a Teutonic submarine, for, impotent, it lurks at the foot of the shaft as does the former on the bed of the sea.

I live in that hotel; I am a Britisher; I am adipose; I do not like walking upstairs; I did not win the Champions, and thus have not the wherewithal to enable me to present a new lift (Am. "elevator") to the management—so, dear Mr. Joss-Man, what am I to do?

H. C. N.

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My lady's working as a farmer,
A-doin' jobs that's bound to harm her,
If, when her day of toil is done
And her night's rest is fairly won,
She does not doff her farmer's smock,
Put on instead a summer frock,
And stroll with me in lanes where lovers flock,

N. H. C.

P. S. Stuff and Nonsense,

Mrs. N. H. C.

The Road Sharks

Chin-Chin: I take off my hat to the Chinese chauffeur. But be it known I take it off in no spirit of pious admiration, and I wait until I have backed into an inaccessible doorway and blasphemed myself into a perspiration before I do it. Then, the headgear being removed, I swab my brow. During a short and somewhat promiscuous career I thought I had run across a few hardened assassins in the motor driving line. I withdraw those harsh thoughts. I now realise that I did those gentlemen grave wrong. The Gallic pirates who trimmed our coat-tails along the Champs Elysee, the craggy-featured experts who sent me scuttling into the shrubs as I sought to stroll on Riverside Drive, and the black-browed professional man-hunting taxi-thugs, with-seven-notches-on-the-wheel, who snipped off my waistcoat buttons as I fled across Michigan Boulevard—all did these things in a spirit of sportsmanship and without animus. They did not pursue me after I had skipped frantically aside. The relentless ferocity with which the Chinese pilot hangs to his selected victim's trail is what is frazzling my nerve. And the smaller, measlier and mangier the contraption he drives, the more fiendish and inebriated and ruthless his style of driving. I would take no pride in being flattened out by a twin-six, and to be mangled by one of those animated tin wash-boilers would be gravel and cinders on my palate till Gabriel sounds his siren.

B. C. J.

Opera in English

Chin Chin: And who cares if you do try and get rid of some of your cheap wit and reply to my protest that, anyway, Rabbie Burns didn't write *English* songs. They would still be worth hearing if a Russian-Patagonian sung them in an Esquimaux village.

CHATTAN

Who said they wouldn't and what's the point, what's the point? Burns is a genius and of course any lyric by him would be poetry. The point we were making is just this, that most writers of libretti for operas and lyrics for art-songs are bush-leaguers at poetry, which is why one doesn't want their stuff translated into English: to understand the words is to spoil the music. So why get abusive in saying just exactly what we said?

'This Afternoon at 5.30 p.m.?'

Chin Chin: As for Kuala Lumpur and "The Gaby Glide," not in it with Shanghai. Perhaps Jossmen haven't got eyes that will hold beams. The Municipal Band played "The Policeman's Holiday" five times out of six for the Friday dances last season.

Another Kick

Joss Man: Don't be too hard on that Manila cabaret. I have eaten at plenty of places in this town where "they have left no stone unturned to cater to your wants." And nothing inside me unturned, either.

MINNIE.

Hasn't anybody anything pleasant to say?

THE JOSS MAN

England In Khaki ◎ By Demetra Vaka (Mrs. Kenneth Brown)

A little after four in the afternoon the day we landed I betook myself to the large, attractive tea-room of the Adelphi Hotel, in Liverpool. Even before I reached it I could hear the gay music and the chatter. It was already so filled that there was not a table vacant. Undecided, I stood looking at the throng of smartly dressed women and khaki-clad men. An officer in kilts, seated alone at a table near the door, rose, called the girl who served, and spoke a few words with her. Then he joined another tableful of officers, while the girl in her pretty uniform, came to me and said that I might have his table. She carried him his tea, and then went for mine. I looked over to the officer to thank him, but he gave me no chance.

I took my seat, not quite knowing whether to like the frivolous gayety all around me or to resent it. We had imagined England at war to be serious and sober-minded, not bent on making merry, and there I was, the only woman present in a traveling gown, surrounded by women dressed as for a holiday. Meditatively I sipped my tea, all the while examining the faces of the men in khaki, the men in kilts, and the men in those hideous long trousers made of huge plaids, which look as if mother had taken her shawl and made a pair of trousers for her breechesless boy. At the table nearest me sat four extremely young looking things in khaki, pink of complexion and with boyish curves to their lips. Unmistakably they were of the better class, and I could hardly imagine them anything except "public school" boys who had now gone on to Sandhurst to prepare for the real war; but, on closer scrutiny, I noticed that one had a bit of ribbon on his breast, the ribbon which indicates valor in the field. He looked so young that one felt as if he could hardly have finished the milk and bread-and-butter diet of the English nursery.

The music started a melody from a comic opera, and the decorated infant leaned forward and began to sing the words *sotto voce* for the benefit of his three companions. They were having such a jolly time that I began to wonder whether England really grasped the seriousness of the war she was engaged in. There was no evidence of it in the whole tea-room. Every one was gay, every one was laughing and chaffing. Presently three khaki figures came in; one, white-faced and younger even than the decorated one, walked with difficulty by the help of two canes. They also looked about vainly for a table, and once more officers doubled up and gave them one. His companions helped the crippled one to sit down, easing him slowly into his chair, and I could see by the drawn lines about his mouth that every movement was agony. His eyes were sunken, and for a long minute after he had sat down he kept them closed and his mouth tightly shut.

Of course I was tired from the many formalities of being allowed to land in England, and the sight of suffering manhood was new to me, while the others around me had had two years to become accustomed to it, and there I sat unable to check the big tears that insisted on rolling down my cheeks. Now and then I furtively watched the cripple. The pain lessened, he was sipping his tea with that pleasurable abandon which only the English-born experiences with his tea-cup. He was laughing and joking, and when the band played a fox-trot his left hand, armed with a sandwich, kept time to the dance music.

England does not know that she has any especial philosophy of life. In reality, she has the best of all; she takes life as a sport in which a man may win or a man may lose, but the importance of which comes in the playing, not in the gain. Therefore they make no fuss about their wounded and maimed. They do not pity them—do not even make heroes of them. It is all in the day's work, and those who have not escaped unhurt are the unlucky ones, that is all.

On the next day we went to the Military Control Office to try to retrieve our papers and passports. A notice to travelers was posted on the wall, and its wording was so typically English that it must be given in its entirety:

An appeal to travelers in the interests of Public Safety and for Military Reasons

It is necessary that the Passenger Traffic between Great Britain and the Continent should be regulated strictly, and reduced as far as possible.

The public is therefore invited to co-operate by undertaking no journey except for very serious reasons.

Those who are compelled to travel are asked to remember that regulations have been made which, as is inevitable in time of war, necessitate a strict observance of all passport formalities and involve the search of person and baggage.

The traveling public is accordingly invited to comply with the regulations ungrudgingly, and not to increase the inconveniences to themselves and render the duties of the port authorities more difficult by chafing at restraints, attempting to obtain advantages denied to their fellow-passengers, or harassing officials by unnecessary questions.

Complete frankness as to the motive of a proposed journey and places to be visited is desirable and may ultimately save travelers delay and inconvenience.

By Order of the Secretary of State of the Home Department.

July, 1916.

The smart young officer who had captured our papers on the previous day attacked them conscientiously, and finally permitted us to go on to London, volunteering the opinion that we should probably not be permitted to go on to Greece. Our passports and credentials he was to forward to the Home Office, which would decide our fate. The captain was much less severe than he had been the day before on the steamer. He seemed to be satisfied that the safety of the British Empire was not endangered by our presence, and treated us with the affability which an Englishman displays when once he decides to unbend.

Our night's delay in Liverpool had given the Government a chance to raise all the railway fares in the Kingdom fifty per cent, while reducing the number of trains. Thus more men were freed for the army, and coal was economised without a falling off of revenue.

With the fare from London to Liverpool now almost eleven dollars, first class, and the second class non-existent, we prudently decided to travel third, and it was a decision we shall always be glad we made.

Huddled over a newspaper in one corner of our compartment sat a youth in khaki. A scrap of pink cloth was sewed on his shoulder and there was a ribbon on his breast. Opposite me was an old gentleman with a book, and farther on was a young woman.

Over the luggage racks were war regulations. One said that, owing to Zeppelin raids, the curtains of the compartments must be drawn after sunset. The other was addressed to the men in the service, and enjoined them to refrain from talking on military and naval affairs in order that they might give no possible information to enemies of Great Britain. Notwithstanding this I whispered to my husband to enter into conversation with the khaki next to him. My husband is frightfully Anglo-Saxon about speaking to people he does not know. "I don't know what to say to him," he whispered back. "Ask him what that bit of pink on his shoulder means," I urged.

At the question the boy good-naturedly stopped his reading and explained that it indicated his battalion.

"And that scrap of ribbon on your breast?" we inquired.

"Oh," he answered, reddening; "that's just the military cross."

"And what did you get it for?" we persisted, with American inquisitiveness.

"Bombing," he replied, laconically.

"But what did you do?"

He saw that he could not escape. "Why, there were a party of us in a German trench, and it got pretty hot, and most of our fellows went back; but I had a good supply of bombs, so I kept on bombing until there were no more Fritzes. Well, my captain heard about it, and he thought it was pretty decent, so he reported it and I got the medal."

The ice was now broken, and all in the compartment began to talk together like old friends. We learned that the soldier was a lance corporal, and was returning to France after a leave. His English, his cultivated voice, and his simple and unaffected manners bespoke his having come from a good home.

Presently another young man in khaki came in, wearing on his cuff two tiny gold stripes, running up and down, which indicated that he had twice been wounded. He was a corporal, and unmistakably a son of the people, frank in manner, and a friendly talker. He had been in America in a crockery store. When war broke out he had returned to England and enlisted.

Never in my life has a five-hour railway journey been so brief, so interesting. We forgot the sodden, gray day, prematurely turning to night; we were transported to France. We were no longer in the train—we were with the armies; we were with them at rest and with them at their grim work. We heard the artillery, and we walked—not ran—with the men when, behind the barrage fire, they advanced to storm the enemy trenches. We had of course read most of this, but it is not the same. From the lips of those two youths, one a few years older than the other, one of a different class from the other, we heard about it from two different points of view, each supplementing the other. They were the actors of the grim drama being played in France. They talked with the freedom which comes from a race which has lived in a democracy for generations.

We learned that the English prefer the French bayonet to their own, because it is longer and slenderer, and not so liable to get stuck in use. "Ah, but we have a lovely knife for trench work!" exclaimed the corporal; and the lance corporal, who had all his paraphernalia with him, brought one forth. It was of a "loveliness" to cause us to shudder We all admired it, and handled it, and watched the soldiers as they showed us how it should be used. Yet all the while I was conscious that, in spite of their two years' fighting, in spite of what those two boys had seen, they remained untouched by the brutality of bloodshed. Their faces remained honest and human. When the lance corporal smiled, his face was lighted up by a light sweet and tender. How unlike the faces of the Germans we had left behind in America—Germans who had not done any fighting, but whose expressions since the be-

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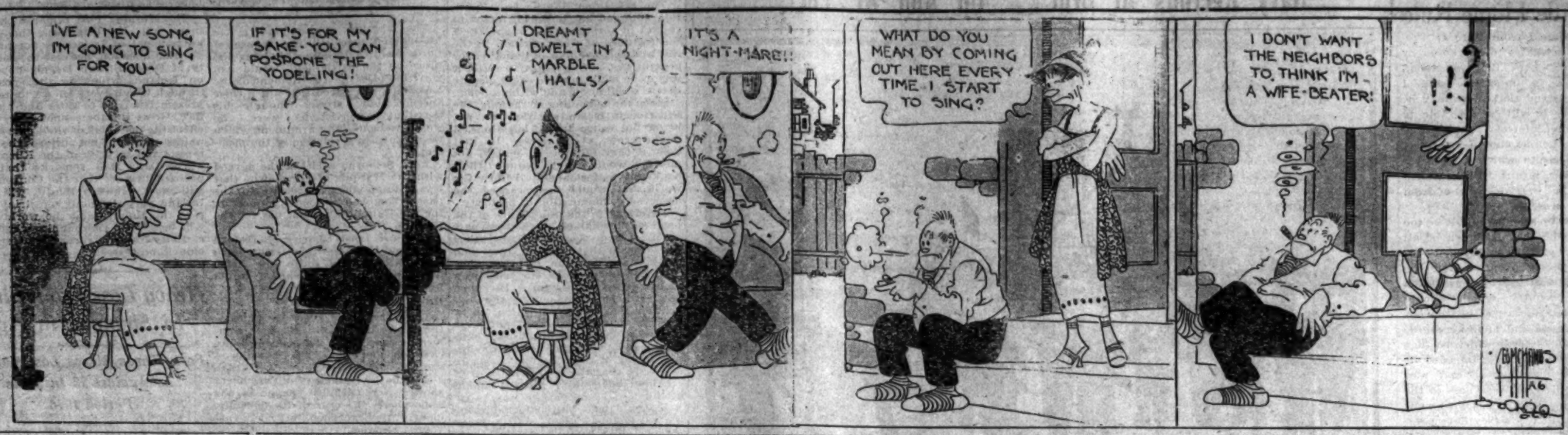
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IT'S A NIGHT-MARE!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY COMING OUT HERE EVERY TIME I START TO SING?
I DON'T WANT THE NEIGHBOR'S TO THINK I'M A WIFE-BEATER!
!!?
GEO MCMANUS

England In Khaki

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ginning of this war have undergone a curious change; their lips curl in a snarl, the snarl of the fox or the wolf, the snarl of the mouth that laughed when the Lusitania was sunk, the Germans who made as targets for their soldiers fair figures of English, French, and Belgian soldiers. One face alone among the Germans I know stands apart from the rest. It is that of a woman, and since the war began her face has passed from one sad expression to another; her eyes are the eyes of sorrow, and her lips are tremulous with tragedy. She never talks glibly of successes and victories; she only suffers—but then she is half English by blood.

Months before this trip, in writing of the various armies I had seen, I remarked that those of England and of Greece had struck me as anachronistic, so civilised were the faces of the men, so little did the armies look like killing-machines. They were composed of men who thought of games and of books, not of rapine and conquest; and I had said that they would fight as well as the born killers when the grim necessity arose. These two young fellows in our compartment proved to me how right I had been. Yet their natures were not changed, and they spoke of the war in terms of sport, and it was as a sporting proposition that they regarded it. What they hated most in the Germans was not that they had wished to dominate the earth, but that they had not fought fair. "But we'll worry 'em," said the lance, cheerfully; "we'll give 'em frightfulness!"

The young woman whose husband and brothers were at the front spoke up from her corner: "Yes; while we women can only wait."

I agreed with her that the hardest role always was played by the women who had to wait. Thereupon the old gentleman from the other corner, in vehemently passionate tones which made the pathos of what he said the more poignant, cried: "No, madam, no. The hardest lot is not that of the women, but that of the old men, who are longing to serve, but who cannot because they are too old." And somehow he managed to convey to me the tragedy of those old men who long to carry arms for their country and can't.

When the train arrived in London, we all shook hands and parted with regret. It had been a memorable journey, the most interesting time we had ever spent in a railway carriage. We had come into contact with the British soul more closely than ever before. The absolute feeling of assurance of those young fellows in khaki had become ours. And this assurance was strengthened when we saw the streets of London. Even more than in Liverpool were the streets full of khaki and yet there was nothing military in the aspect of the men, in spite of their uniforms; they are merely Britishers in the service of their country, and wearing—as the British are so fond of doing—the garb best suited to their occupation.

Many people in America sincerely believe that if the youth of a nation is trained to defend its country that nation will become Prussianised. Such people should visit England now when every man under forty-five years is a soldier. In a curious way the English are gentler, less militaristic, than ever before. And this impression that one gets *en passant* becomes a certainty when one talks with one's friends who are now officers. On a Sunday we were invited to take luncheon at an officers' mess, "somewhere in Sussex," a few miles from London, by a friend who is a captain.

The house was full of officers, most of whom had seen active service in the trenches, yet the absence of militarism was the most noticeable thing about them. Essentially the English are sportsmen: they give their services, their blood, their lives, to the mother country when she needs them; to their work, their pursuits, and their sports when she does not need them. We did not hear the clink of the sword, as we used to hear it in Germany in peace time. Above all, there was a total lack of military arrogance, an absence of any tendency to disregard the rights of civilians. The feeling between officers and men was of the best. In England it is a breach of the law for an officer not to return the salute of a private, while in Germany the rank and file saluted as to godlike beings who could not be expected to deign to return the salute.

During luncheon I sat between a doctor and a captain, both of whom had seen several months' service in France. Had neither of them ever seen a gun they could not have been gentler and less military. Of their own achievements they said little; but of France, her grit and determination, they could not say enough.

It is now nearly three weeks since we came to London. The Savoy, where we are staying, teems with khaki-clad figures and with others in the blue of the navy, as do the streets; yet never before have we felt the British people so little arrogant, so little manifesting the more objectionable British traits. It is not that they are trying to curry favor with Americans. On the contrary, the general indifference to American public opinion is almost culpable, considering the ceaseless propaganda that Germany is carrying on in the United States. They are just naturally kinder and politer, and the sacrifices they are making for their country are making better human beings of them. "England is spending her capital," my husband said to a couple of old friends who have been working for two years in a hospital. "Yes," they both cried, joyously; "but who wouldn't spend his capital to beat the Germans?" And the words were not empty, for they had lost just half their income through the war, and for the first time in their lives were saving money.

There are two facts which stand out pre-eminently: that Great Britain is fighting for the right, and that she is going to see the thing through, no matter what it may cost in blood and treasure.

We onlookers are convinced that, in spite of what it has cost and what it will cost, Great Britain has never been so prosperous, so welded together, so much a nation, as she is today. I have even learned not to object to the constant music in the hotel, the well-dressed women, the laughter, the chatter, the dancing and the perpetual love-making. All those are but the reaction against the grim reality in the trenches; the real thing is that England at last is awake, with more than the needed cannon, more than the needed shells, more than the needed re-inforcements, and all the old doggedness and pluck.

To see England in khaki is to see how democracy can rise to fight for the right, to see how democracy can blunder through somehow, and can end in three years in being more ready than monarchy can be in forty-four years.

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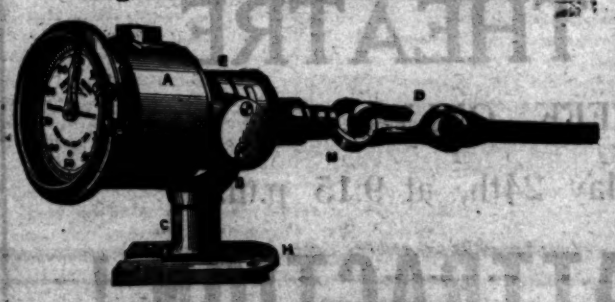

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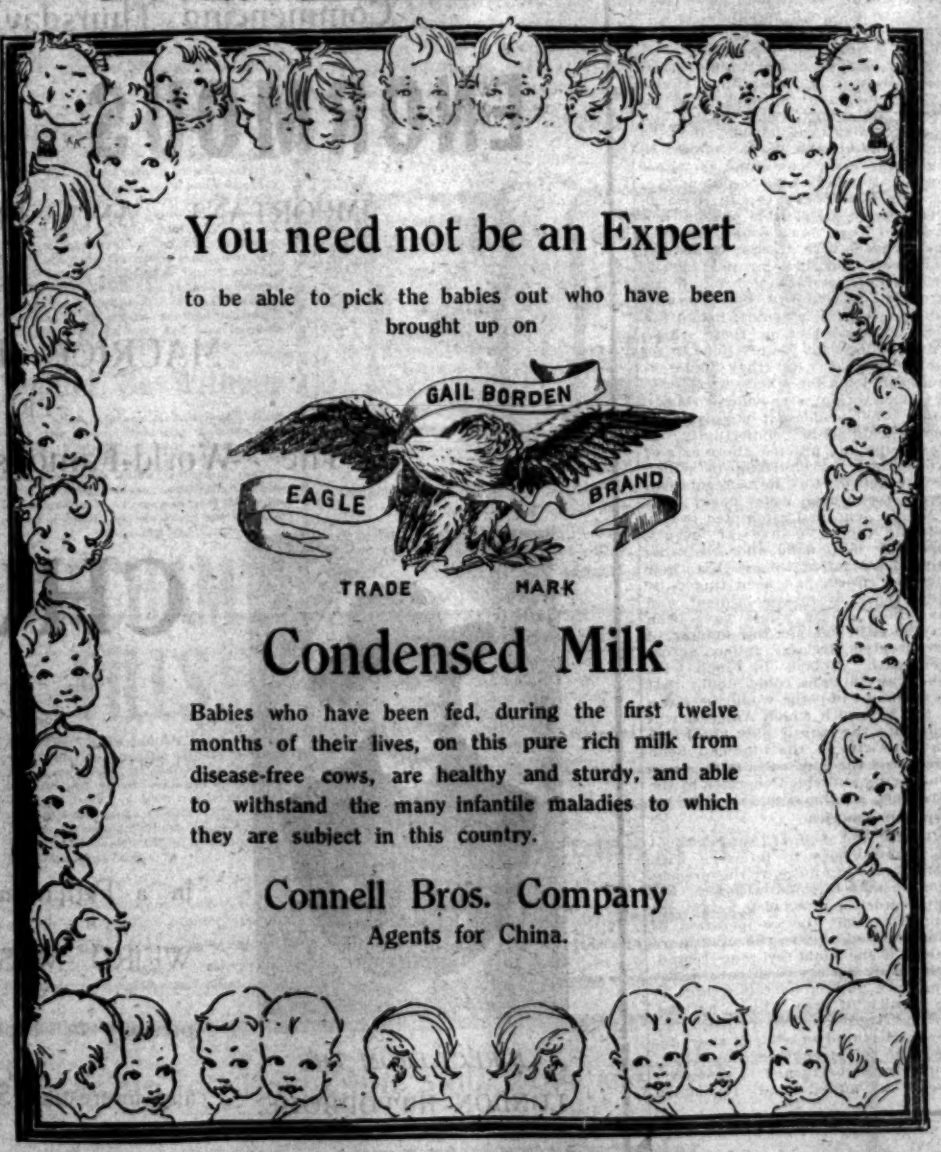

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Give Irish Chance Settle Home Rule

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invite the delegates to be chosen by the bodies whom they represent. Where this is impossible—and I quite understand that there may be cases where it will be desirable to have Irish interests represented which may not be chosen by any of the categories to which I have referred—other means will be taken to secure that every element of Irish opinion is present."

The Premier asked would it be too much to hope that Irishmen of all creeds and parties might get together in this Convention for the purpose of drafting a Constitution for their country which should secure a just balance of all the opposing interests and finally compose the unhappy discords which so long have distracted Ireland, impeded its harmonious development and now were a source of weakness to the people of the British Isles during one of the greatest trials they have passed through.

Appeals to Irishmen's Honor

The parties who entered into the Convention would be pledged to no conclusion but each man would be pledged to do his best as an Irishman, a patriot and a man of honor to settle the controversy.

If substantial agreement was reached as to the character and scope of the Constitution to be framed for the future government of Ireland within the Empire, the Imperial Government would accept responsibility for taking all the necessary steps to give legislative effect to that agreement. The Premier added: "Perhaps we ought to safeguard the Treasury, because Irishmen might become unanimous when it was a question of making a demand on the Imperial Exchequer." He was unable to imagine Great Britain acting in a niggardly fashion, but the Treasury must have a word to say. He could only promise, on behalf of the Government, that should the Convention happily come to an agreement they would not forget that restitution and reparation should begin at home.

He urged that the Convention should sit with closed doors. He stated that this was necessary if it was to have a reasonable chance of success. The United States of America framed its Constitution behind closed doors, so did Canada and South Africa. He hoped that there would be no publication, authorised or unauthorised, of the proceedings, until a conclusion had been reached. Nothing could be more fatal than unauthorised paragraphs suggesting that one person or another was taking a certain line which was a betrayal of one interest or another. This would create a poisonous atmosphere deadly to success. "We propose to take steps as soon as practicable. There will be a good deal of consideration and discussion with reference to the basis of representation and the bodies who shall nominate representatives, but there will be no undue delay and we hope to be able to come to a definite decision in a very short time. The invitations will then be issued."

Settlement Will Help in War

The Government felt that a settlement of the Irish problem would materially help in the successful conclusion of the war. Evidence had accumulated from many quarters regarding the importance from the point of view of the war of getting this controversy settled. The Premier of Australia had never ceased to urge this consideration. Irishmen had a passionate love of liberty and they wanted them ranged on the side of the Allies and not torn by conflicting emotions. They would need all their strength to win a triumph worthy of the sacrifices they had made and the Empire could not afford to have this uncured sore that sapped her vigor. He appealed to their patriotic spirit to help in the healing.

Mr. Lloyd George entreated the House to believe that nothing but pressing considerations of the war would have induced them to take up the settlement of so thorny a problem in the middle of the prosecution of this great war, but when they were engaged in a life and death struggle they did not want a rankling, festering quarrel on their hands that irritated, distracted and weakened them from a war point of view. It was important to get the controversy settled in order to win the goodwill and co-operation of the Irish race throughout the world.

He concluded that the entire strength of Great Britain and the whole-hearted support of Ireland as well was essential to victory and therefore he appealed to Irishmen of all faiths and political opinions and especially to the patriotic spirit of Ulster.

Redmond Welcomes Plan

Mr. John Redmond, the Leader of the Irish Nationalist Party, who followed the Premier, said that three successive Governments had made four unsuccessful attempts to reach a settlement of the Irish question, but the present proposal was entirely novel. Ireland was being asked herself to draft a Constitution for her country. He was sure that every section of Irishmen would be glad to participate in the Convention. The latter must not only be free but also representative of all sections, County Councils, corporations, trade-councils, the Churches, the teaching profession, the Irish peers and the various political parties.

He was willing to agree to limited representation of the Irish Party, an equally large representation of the Ulster Party and generous representation of the Sinn Feiners. He approved the proposal to have a small nominated element and also the proposal that the Crown should nominate the Chairman of the Convention, who, he hoped, would be a man of great and distinguished judgment, proved experience and undoubted impartiality. He had sure hope that the result of the Convention would be blessed for Ireland and the Empire. He hoped with his whole heart that the Convention would be animated by a true spirit of conciliation among all Irishmen.

Sir John Lonsdale (Conservative M. P. for Mid-Armagh), speaking for the Ulster Party, said that the whole proposal would be submitted to the people of Ulster with the recommendation that they should consider it carefully. The Ulster people would be guided by the same patriotic motives which have always guided them. Although he could not feel sanguine that the Convention would accomplish the purpose designed, he and his colleagues would not take the responsibility of closing the door upon the experiment.

Mr. William O'Brien (Nationalist M. P. for Cork City), while welcoming the proposal, warned the Government that there would be great difficulties to overcome in the election or selection of the delegates to the Convention.

Asquith Sees Progress Already

Mr. Asquith declared: "We have already proceeded a considerable distance towards a settlement." He pointed out that there was no dissent from the proposal made by the Government. On the contrary, a large part of the Irish nation heartily embraced it.

Sir Edward Carson (Unionist M. P. for Dublin University) said that he had found no reason to modify the opinion which he had always held that the best solution of Irish government was the maintenance of the Union. He did not know whether the Ulster Unionists would accept the invitation of the Government but he emphasised that threats would not have the slightest effect.

He remarked that whatever decision the Ulster Unionists took—and he hoped it would be a wise one—he would be with them to the end. He had not the least intention of deserting them. He valued his honor more than anything he could owe to the Government. He urged that if the Convention met, the delegates should attend without set proposals.

Mr. Joseph Devlin (Nationalist M. P. for West Belfast) welcomed the Convention and trusted that all sections of the country would contribute towards bringing about a substantial agreement.

After further speeches the subject was dropped. The speeches created a favorable impression in the Lobby. The Nationalists expressed great appreciation of Sir Edward Carson's attitude and were confident that a representative Convention will be formed.

Curzon Explains to Lords

In the House of Lords, Earl Curzon made a statement on the same lines as that by the Premier in the Commons. He said it would be a national misfortune if any of the Irish Parties remained aloof from the proposed convention and a grave responsibility would rest on the leaders who elected to abstain from it.

He emphasised that the Government's proposals were as much a war measure as any emergency act which had been passed. He said that at each stage of the war while he had been a member of the Government it had been brought home to all of them that the condition of Ireland had been a source not of strength but of weakness to the common cause. There was no month but the figure of Ireland had arisen like a specter across their path Ireland indeed was presenting two faces, one turned towards the battlefield with all the chivalrous ardor and personal courage for which the Irish race has always been conspicuous and which never shone with brighter luster than during this war, and the other face averted from the struggle, exhibiting discontent and even an angry mien, still playing on her ancient wrongs, still suspicious of British Governments, still declining to join whole-heartedly in the supreme effort of the united Anglo-Saxon race.

They had seen the unhappy, he might almost say calamitous, effects of this disunion in every field of action: at home, where it had not been without considerable effect on the attitude of the Trade Unions and the great labor communities whose co-operation was such a potent factor in their strength; in Ireland, where such deplorable events had occurred that none could think of them except with a sense of shame; it had affected their armies in the field, which would have been all the stronger in numbers but for this fatal joint in their armor; it had not been without effect on their Allies, who wondered at their failure to do for themselves what they had succeeded in doing for others, what, even in this war, they were endeavoring to do for other peoples: it had given the enemy abundant opportunity to blaspheme and practise those arts of propaganda and intrigue in which they excelled, But its effects had spread to an even wider field.

No-one who had attempted to follow the recent course of events, especially in Canada and Australia, could have failed to see that their splendid efforts had been tinged by some sense of disappointment and that these efforts would have been greater still had not the shadow of discontented Ireland fallen across their path. Nobody in touch with American thought could doubt that an immense impetus would be given to the zeal with which America will prosecute the war if only she knew that this rift in the lute had been closed and the Anglo-Saxon race was bending its undivided energies to the pursuance of the common end.

Hopes of America

He did not believe America had any more desire to interfere with their domestic affairs at the present juncture than they had with hers, but a man must be affected if he did not appreciate that the co-operation of America would be heartier and more fruitful if she could feel that Ireland, with whom she has so many associations, was pulling its full weight in the comity of free allied nations. America realised, as they realised, that to win the kind of victory they desired, the full strength of the British Empire must be turned to that purpose. A united and reconciled Ireland would be an important addition to that strength.

"When the war is over and we commence the task of re-constructing, which will be not less difficult and anxious than the war itself, who can doubt that a contented Ireland would be an asset of immeasurable value to the future settlement of the interests of the British Empire and who can doubt that Great Britain would be a more powerful figure at the peace conference if she can speak with the united voice of all her sons? Might not such a consummation pave the way for that world co-operation of the three greatest liberty-loving nations of the earth, France, the United States and ourselves, upon whose close communion and interdependence of action I believe the future of civilisation to a large extent depends?"

The settlement of the Irish question emerged as a world factor of capital importance that might affect the fortunes of Great Britain in the war and the destinies of mankind for generations. If an effort to settle it was to be made, no-one could dispute that it should be made without delay.

Since the beginning of the war, the situation in Ireland had grown not better but worse and, if left alone, it might grow even worse. In that case, if they faltered or drifted, not merely would they parade their bankrupt statesmanship before the world, but would have earned the deserved condemnation of posterity.

Referring to the importance of the proposals contained in the first part of Mr. Lloyd George's letter, Earl Curzon said that, though they had disappeared for the moment, they might re-emerge later in perhaps a more acceptable form. He then described the precedents for the Convention and its constitution, in a similar manner to the statement made by the Premier in the Commons and concluded with the remark that it was beyond measure desirable that the representatives of all those bodies and Parties should attend.

It would be a national misfortune if any stood aloof and grave responsibility would rest upon those bodies who elected to abstain. Many of their Lordships had great weight and authority in Ireland. He prayed them to use their influence to dissuade people from such an unfortunate and disastrous course as to abstain.

The tide was running fast in Ireland. He prayed God that, on this occasion, they might not miss it.

Lansdowne Accepts Scheme

The Marquis of Lansdowne (Earl of Kerry) accepted the proposed convention. He said that one fact seemed to dominate the situation. They had travelled so far along the road of Home Rule that they now felt it was impossible to turn abruptly backwards. The convention might do immense good and he could not see what harm it could do. If a solution of the question was not forthcoming, it would be shown that the fault was not the Government's, but that of the Irish themselves.

Viscount Midleton said that, whatever was done, they must secure a large and loyal element in the Convention and make it clear that the loyal element in Ireland would have an adequate share in the Government.

The Marquis of Londonderry, in his maiden speech in the House of Lords, said that those upholding the cause on the battle-field would ask why this plan for a settlement of the question was produced in their absence, but, strong though his hereditary convictions were, he would welcome any argument which would furnish a solution of the problem.

Lord Selborne said that he agreed with the Marquis of Lansdowne that it was impossible to return to the past. This was no longer a question for the United Kingdom, but for the Empire.

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford expressed the hope that Irishmen in Convention would settle the Irish question, which Englishmen would never be able to do.

Press None too Hopeful

The newspapers generally welcome the Irish Convention, but their comments concerning its outcome are cautious and none too hopeful of success. It is pointed out that, although the speeches in Parliament showed a remarkable change in the atmosphere, the crux of the difficulty, namely, the exclusion of north-east Ulster, remains.

Very great hope is based on the attitude of the Marquis of Lansdowne and Earl Curzon and the speech made by the latter is regarded as a better augury than Sir John Lonsdale's.

The Times comments on the patriotic courage and common-sense of the Ulster members of the House of Commons, in refusing to shut the door on the hope of a settlement, however slender they may think it. The Times does not doubt that the leaders of the Ulster Party will recommend acceptance of the Convention by the Ulster Council.

The Daily Telegraph interprets the general feeling of Parliament as recognising that the Convention, if held, may easily fail, but success is not precluded and the experiment ought to be made with good-will.

The Daily Chronicle remarks that, if the Convention is convoked on the crest of the incoming tide, it may be carried to land.

The Daily News rejoices that the representation will include the social, intellectual and economic elements in Ireland and says that this variety and comprehensiveness contains the promise of a satisfactory issue.

The Morning Post remarks that it must not be forgotten that the government of Ireland is not purely an Irish question, because the security of Great Britain largely depends on Ireland, which is the postern through which every enemy up to the present has tried to enter and, therefore, Great Britain cannot carry into effect the decisions of the Convention unless they do not injure the interests and security of the Kingdom.

The Daily Mail remarks that the probabilities are that the Convention will meet. It says that it will put Ireland very definitely on trial before the Empire and the world and will test very thoroughly whatever capacity for constructive statesmanship it possesses.

Navy Recruits At Drill ◎ 'Up And At 'Em!'

A practice charge by new recruits of the U. S. S. Paterson on one of the docks of the Charlestown (Mass.) Navy Yard. These boys have been in the service only a month.

Heavy Loss From Fire In Shanghai in April

Forty-Three Blazes Last Month, As Against 23 In Same Period 1916

There were nearly twice as many fires last month in Shanghai as in April of last year, according to the report for the month by Chief Officer Pett of the Fire Brigade. The report is given in the Municipal Gazette issued today.

There were 43 fires in April, 1917, as against 23 in April, 1916. The damage done by these fires last month was Tls. 15,000 as against Tls. 7,300 in April, 1916.

MUNICIPAL STAFF

The following changes in the municipal staff are announced:

Health Department.—Miss D. C. Heal is appointed Probationer Nurse from April 1.

Public Works Department.—Inspector J. Weidman is transferred for duty at the Pingchiao Quarry from May 19.

Electricity Department.—The service of Mr. T. S. Foster, temporary Collector in the Electricity Department from May 1, terminated on May 15.

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Wilson Appeals to Toilers To Railroads and Capital, To Rally for Great Crisis

In a personal appeal on April 15, addressed to his fellow countrymen, President Wilson called upon every American citizen—man, woman and child—to join together to make the nation a unit for the preservation of its ideals and for the triumphs of democracy in the world war. Part of the message was cabled. Here, however, is the full text:

My fellow Countrymen—The entrance of our beloved country into the grim and terrible war for democracy and human rights which has shaken the world creates so many problems of national life and action which call for immediate consideration and settlement that I hope you will permit me to address to you a few words of earnest counsel and appeal with regard to them.

We are rapidly putting our navy upon an effective war footing and are about to create and equip a great army, but these are the simplest parts of the great task to which we have addressed ourselves.

No Selfish Element

There is not a single selfish element, so far as I can see, in the cau e we are fighting for. We are fighting for what we believe and wish to be the rights of mankind and for the future peace and security of the world.

To do this great thing worthily and successfully we must devote ourselves to the service without regard to profit or material advantage and with an energy and intelligence that will rise to the level of the enterprise itself. We must realise to the full how great the task is and how many things, how many kinds and elements of capacity and service and self-sacrifice it involves.

These, then, are the things we must do and do well, besides fighting the things without which mere fighting would be fruitless.

We must supply abundant food for ourselves and for our armies and our seamen not only, but also for a large part of the nations with whom we have now made common cause, in whose support and by whose sides we shall be fighting.

Ships By Hundreds

We must supply ships by the hundreds out of our shipyards to carry to the other side of the sea, submarines or no submarines, what will every day be needed there, and abundant materials out of our fields and our mines and our factories with which not only to clothe and support our people, for whom the gallant fellows under arms can no longer work, to help clothe and equip the armies with which we ar co-operating in Europe, and to keep the looms and manufactories there in raw materials; coal to keep the fires going in ships at sea and in the furnaces of hundreds of factories across the sea; steel out of which to make arms and ammunition, both here and there; rails for wornout railways back of the fighting fronts; locomotives and rulling stock to take the place of those every day going to pieces; mules, horses, cattle for labor and for military service; everything with which the people of England and France and Italy and Russia have usually supplied themselves, but cannot now afford the men, the materials or the machinery to make.

Industry To Limit

It is evident to every thinking man that our industries, in farms, in shipyards, in the mines, in the factories, must be made more prolific and more efficient than ever and that they must be more economically managed and better adapted to the particular requirement of our task than they have been; and what I want to say is that the men and the women who devote their thought and their energy to these things will be serving the country and conducting the fight for peace and freedom just as truly and just as effectively as the men on the battlefield or in the trenches.

The industrial forces of the country, men and women alike, will be a great national, a great international service army—a notable and honored host engaged in the service of the Nation and the world, the efficient friends and saviors of free men everywhere. Thousands, nay, hundreds of thousands, of men otherwise liable to military service will of right and necessity be excused from that service and assigned to the fundamental, sustaining work of the fields and factories and mines, and they will be as much part of the great patriotic forces of the Nation as the men under fire.

I take the liberty, therefore, of addressing this word to the farmers of the country, and to all who work on the farms: The supreme need of our own Nation and of the nations with which we are co-operating is an abundance of supplies, and especially of foodstuffs. The importance of an adequate food supply especially for the present year, is superlative. Without abundant food, alike for the armies and the peoples now at war, the whole great enterprise upon which we have embarked will break down and fail. The world's food reserves are low. Not only during the present emergency, but for some time after peace shall have come, both our own people and a large proportion of the people of Europe must rely upon the harvests in America.

Farmers Hold Key

Upon the farmers of this country, therefore, in large measure, rests the fate of the war and the fate of the nations. May the nation not count upon them to omit no step that will increase the production of their land, that will bring about the most effectual co-operation in the sale and distribution of their food products?

The time is short. It is of the most imperative importance that everything possible be done, and done immediately, to make sure of large harvests. I call upon young men and old alike and upon the able-bodied boys of the land to accept and act upon this duty—to turn in hosts to the farms and make certain that no pains and no labor is lacking in this great matter.

Appeals For Cotton

I particularly appeal to the farmers of the South to plant abundant foodstuffs as well as cotton. They can show their patriotism in no better or more convincing way than by resisting the great temptation of the present price of cotton and helping, helping upon a great scale, to feed the nation and the peoples everywhere who are fighting for their liberties and for our own. The variety of their crop will be the visible measure of their comprehension of their national duty.

The government of the United States and the government of the several States stand ready to co-operate. They will do everything possible to assist farmers in securing an adequate supply of seed, an adequate force of laborers when they are most needed at harvest time, and the means of expediting shipments of fertilisers and farm machinery, as well as of the crops themselves when harvested.

Shall Be No Combines

The course of trade shall be as unhampered as it is possible to make it, and there shall be no unwarranted manipulation of the nation's food supply by those who handle it on its way to the consumer. This is our opportunity to demonstrate the efficiency of the great democracy, and we shall not fall short of it.

This let me say to the middlemen of every sort, whether they are handling our foodstuffs or our raw materials of manufacture or the products of our mills and factories: The eyes of the country will be especially upon you. This is your opportunity for signal service, efficient and disinterested. The country expects you, as it expects all others, to forego unusual profits, to organise and expedite shipments of supplies of every kind, but especially of food, with an eye to the service you are rendering and in the spirit of those who enlist in the ranks, for their people, not for themselves. I shall confidently expect you to deserve and win the confidence of people of every sort and station.

To the men who run the railways of the country, whether they be managers or operative employes, let me say that the railways are the arteries of the nation's life, and that upon them rests the immense responsibility of seeing to it that those arteries suffer no obstruction of any kind, no inefficiency or slackened power. To the merchant let me suggest the motto, "Small profits and quick service," and to the shipbuilder, the thought that the life of the war depends upon him. The food and the war supplies must be carried across the seas, no matter how many ships are sent to the bottom. The places of those that go down must be supplied, and supplied at once. To the miner let me say that he stands where the farmer does. The work of the world waits on him. If he slackens or fails, armies and statesmen are helpless. He also is enlisted in the great service army. The manufacturer does not need to be told, I hope, that the nation looks to him to speed and perfect every process; and I want only to remind his employes that their service is absolutely indispensable and is counted on by every man who loves the country and its liberties.

Practice of Economy

Let me suggest also that every one who creates or cultivates a garden helps and helps greatly to solve the problem of the feeding of the nations; and that every house-wife who practices strict economy puts herself in the ranks of those who serve the nation. This is the time for America to correct her unpardonable fault of wastefulness and extravagance. Let every man and every woman assume the duty of careful, provident use and expenditure as a public duty, as a dictate of patriotism which no one can now expect ever to be excused or forgiven for ignoring.

In the hope that this statement of the needs of the nation and of the world in this hour of supreme crisis may stimulate those to whom it comes and remind all who need reminder of the solemn duties of a time such as the world has never seen before, I beg that all editors and publishers everywhere will give as prominent publication and as wide circulation as possible to this appeal. I venture to suggest also to all advertising agencies that they would perhaps render a very substantial and timely service to the country if they would give it widespread repetition. And I hope that clergymen will not think the theme of it an unworthy or inappropriate subject of comment and homily from their pulpits.

The supreme test of the nation has come. We must all speak, act and serve together!

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Passengers Arrived

Per M.M. s.s. Paul Lecat from Kobe:—Messrs. Tutundjan, Ford, Morikura, Yamanaka, and Tsujiuchi.

PerC.N. s.s. Yingchow from Hongkong:—Miss Bolton, Messrs. Carr and Breen.

Per C.N. s.s. Hsin Peking from Ningpo:—Mr. D. F. H. Wallace, Mrs. G. H. Edwards, and Mrs. Main.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru from Japan:—Mrs. W. P. Coleman and 3 children, Mrs. Agles Liston Jack, Mrs. N. Lutken, Mrs. A. Falkof, Mr. G. Lutken, Rev. B. R. Owen, Mr. S. T. Clarke and Mr. H. Christensen.

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TOMORROW

The tender conveying passengers and mails to the R.V.F. s.s. Simbrisk will leave the Customs jetty at 3 p.m.

The launch conveying passengers to the O.S.K. s.s. Keelung Maru will leave the Canton Road jetty at 2 p.m.

Shipping Items

The N.K.K. s.s. Nanyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The I.-C. s.s. Loongwo left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The C.N. s.s. Tungting left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The C.N. s.s. Chenan left Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangyung left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.N. s.s. Poyang left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The I.-C. s.s. Luenho left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Talee Maru left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The N.S. s.s. Ningshao left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The H.O. s.s. Tehhsing will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.M. s.s. Anping left Tientsin for Dalny and Shanghai on Tuesday.

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The I.-C. s.s. Suiwo will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Luenyi will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Sinkiang will leave Hongkong for Shanghai today.

The N.K.K. s.s. Fengyang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

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The K.M.A. s.s. Fukuichi Maru (chartered) left Chinwangtao for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Kwangtah left Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Haean will leave Foochow for Shanghai today.

The K.M.A. s.s. Kiangping (chartered) left Chinwangtao for Shanghai yesterday.

The I-C. s.s. Wosang will leave Hongkong for Shanghai today.

The N.Y.K. American line s.s. Kamakura Maru, with mails left Moji for Shanghai on Tuesday, and may be expected to arrive at W.S. wharf today, about 5 p.m. She will be despatched for Hongkong tomorrow.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS

BENJAMIN AND POTTS SHARE LIST

Yesterday's Prices

STOCK	Quotations Closing
Banks	
H. K. and S. B.	$660
Chartered	£59 10s.
Russo-Asiatic	R. 250
Cathay, ordy	Tls. 6.05 B.
Cathay, pref	Tls. 5.15.
Marine Insurances	
Canton	Tls. 350.
North China	Tls. 140.
Union of Canton	$860.
Yangtsze	$220.
Fire Insurances	
China Fire	$146 B.
Hongkong Fire	Tls. 325 B.
Shipping	
Indo-China Pref	
Indo-China Def	Tls. 123.
"Shell"	107/-
Shanghai Tug (o)	Tls. 16.
Shanghai Tug (f)	Tls. 46½.
Kochien	Tls. 27 B.
Mining	
Kaiping	Tls. 9 B.
Oriental Cons	27/6.
Philippine	Tls. 0.80.
Raub	$2.70.
Docks	
Hongkong Dock	$123.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 94 Sa.
New Eng. Works	Tls. 12¼ B.
Wharves	
Shanghai Wharf	Tls. 70 B.
Hongkong Wharf	Tls. 80 S.
Land and Hotels	
Anglo-French Land	Tls. 83½ B.
China Land	Tls. 50.
Shanghai Land	Tls. 80
Weihaiwei Land	Tls. 3.
Shanghai Hotels Ltd.	$8½ B
China Realty (ord)	Tls. 5s.
China Realty (pref.)	Tls. 5s.
Cotton Mills	
E-wo	Tls. 152½.
E-wo Pref	Tls. 100.
International	Tls. 89 B.
International Pref	Tls. 80
Laou-kung-mow	Tls. 70.
Oriental	Tls. 36 S.
Shanghai Cotton	Tls. 121 B.
Kung Yik	Tls. 14½ B.
Yangtsepoo	Tls. 5½ B.
Yangtsepoo Pref	Tls. 95.
Industrials	
Butler Tile	Tls. 22
China Sugar	$113 S.
Green Island	Tls. 8 B.
Langkats	Tls. 17 B.
Major Bros	Tls. 5.
Shanghai Sumatra	Tls. 145.
Stores	
Hall and Holtz	$16½ B.
Llewellyn	$60.
Lane, Crawford	$92 B.
Moutrie	$35.
Watson	$6.35 B.
Weeks	$17 B.
Rubbers (Local)	
Alma	Tls. 11½ Sa.
Amherst	Tls. 1.05 S.
Anglo-Java	Tls. 10.45.
Anglo-Dutch	Tls. 5¾.
Ayer Tawah	Tls. 38.
Batu Anam 1918	Tls. 1.30.
Bukit Toh Alang	Tls. 4.30.
Bute	Tls. 1¼.
Chemor United	Tls. 1.40.
Chempedak	Tls. 12 B.
Cheng	Tls. 3.20.
Consolidated	Tls. 3.05 B.
Dominion	Tls. 11 B.
Gula Kalumpong	Tls. 7.90 B.
Java Consolidated	Tls. 22½ Sa.
Kamunting	Tls. 6.65 B.
Kapala	Tls. 0.90 B.
Lapayang	Tls. 28.
Kuala	Tls. 18½ B.
Kota Bahroe	Tls. 9.70 Sa.
Kroewoek Java	Tls. 19¾ Sa.
Padang	Tls. 14¾ B.
Pangkalan Durian	Tls. 10½ B.
Parmata	Tls. 3.85.
Repah	Tls. 1.20.
Samagaga	Tls. 1.05 B.
Seekee	Tls. 7¾ Sa.
Semambu	Tls. 1½ Sa.
Senawang	Tls. 14 B.
Shanghai Klebang	Tls. 0.95 Sa.
Shanghai Malay	Tls. 7 B.
Thai Malay-pref	Tls. 12 B.
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 1.80 B.
Sungala	Tls. 1.65 B.
Sungei Duri	Tls. 11½.
Sua Manggis	Tls. 7.
Thai Kalantan	Tls. 1.
Shanghai Seremban	Tls. 0.85 B.
Taiping	Tls. 2 B.
Tanah Merah	Tls. 1.20 Sa.
Tabong	Tls. 24 Sa.
Ulobri	Tls. 2½.
Siangbe	Tls. 6 B.
Miscellaneous	
C. I. and E. Lumber	Tls. 110.
Culty Dairy	Tls. 10 S.
Thai Elec. and Asb	$2.
Shanghai Trams	Tls. 73½ Sa.
Shanghai Gas	Tls. 24 B.
Horse Bazaar	30
Shanghai Mercury	Tls. 30.
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Exchange and Bullion

Shanghai, May 23, 1917.

Money and Bullion

	Tls.
Gold Dollars Bank's buying rate G.$1.00 @ 86=Tls. 1.16 @ 72.8=Mex. $1.59	
Mex. Dollars. Market rate	72.575
S'hai Gold Bars: 978 touch	—
Bar Silver	—
Copper Cash	1795
Sovereigns:	
Buying rate @ 3/6½=Tls.	5.64
Exch. @ 72.8=Mex. $	7.75
Peking Bar	295
Native Interest	.03

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver	37⅞d.
Bank Rate of Discount	5%
Market rate of discount:—	
3 m-s.	%
4 m-s.	%
6 m-s.	%
Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s.	
Ex., Paris on London	Fr. 27.16
Ex., N. Y. on London T.T.	$476⅞
Consols	£ —

Exchange Closing Quotations

London	T.T.	3-6¾
London	Demand	3-6⅞
India (nominal)	T.T.	262½
Paris	T.T.	484
Paris	Demand	484½
New York	T.T.	84¾
New York	Demand	84⅞
Hongkong	T.T.	67¾
Japan	T.T.	60⅜
Batavia	T.T.	204¾

Bank's Buying Rates

London	4 m-s. Cdts.	3-8⅜
London	4 m-s. Docy.	3-8⅛
London	6 m-s. Cdts.	3-8⅛
London	6 m-s. Docy.	3-8⅛
Paris	4 m-s.	499½
New York	4 m-s.	87⅞

The following are the Customs Rates of Exchange to the end of May:—

£1=Hk. Tls.	5.03
Hk. Tls. 1=Francs	5.40
" " 1=Marks	4.41 (nom.)
Gold $ 1=Hk. Tls.	1.06
Hk. Tls. 1=Yen	1.35
" " 1=Rupees	2.98
" " 1=Roubles	3.29
" " 1=Mex. $	1.50

Stock Exchange
Transactions

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS
Shanghai, May 23, 1917.

Official
Kota Bahroe Tls. 9.70
See Kee Tls. 7.75
Semambu Tls. 1.50
Shanghai Klebang Tls. 0.95
Tanah Merah Tls. 1.17½
Tebong Tls. 24.00
Shanghai Docks Tls. 94.00
Java Consolidated Tls. 22.50
Direct
Tram "B" Tls. 73.50
Aimas Tls. 11.50
Tanah Merah Tls. 1.20
Kroewoek Tls. 19.75

Shareborokers' Association
Transactions

BUSINESS DONE
Shanghai, May 23, 1917.

Official
Zlangbee Tls. 6.10 cash
Tanah Merahs Tls. 1.20 cash
Oriental Cotton Tls. 35.00 cash
Klebangs Tls. 0.95 cash
Zlangbee Tls. 6.00 cash
Direct
Kungyiks Tls. 14.65 cash
Anglo-Java Tls. 10.50 cash
Tebongs Tls. 24.00 cash
Kamunting Tls. 6.75 cash

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Reuter's Service

London, May 21.—Today's silver prices were as follows:—

Bar Silver Spot: 38d. Steady.

Previous Quotation, London, May 19:—

Bar Silver Spot: 37⅞d. Featureless, Steady.

The Chartered Bank Of India, Australia and China

The sixty-third ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China was held on the Bank's premises at 38 Bishopsgate, London, E.C., on Wednesday, April 4, Sir Montague Cornish Turner (the Chairman) presiding.

Mr. T. H. Whitehead (Joint Manager) read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, I presume you will take the report and accounts as read. ("Agreed.") The period covered by the report now presented to you provides another memorable page in the history of the great war. The appalling sacrifice of life, the unparalleled expenditure of money in the purchase of arms, armaments, munitions of war, and foodstuffs to meet the requirements of the belligerents, and the wanton destruction of property on land and sea by the enemy cannot fail to have a marked and appreciable effect on the prosecution of industry and commerce throughout the world. The immediate effects are seen in shortage of labor, scarcity of tonnage, high prices, Government regulations affecting the conduct of trade, the commandeering of industries and of raw and manufactured material, all inevitable and unavoidable, but certainly not conducive to the expansion of commerce. Eastern exchange bankers have also further difficulties to contend with. I need not refer to them in detail; they are well known to those engaged in the Eastern trade. We have also to contend with the depletion of staff both at home and abroad, making the conduct of our business both onerous and difficult. The various handicaps to which I have referred must continue until victory has been won and a lasting durable peace has been attained. At present, times and conditions are abnormal. Everything is abnormal, but bankers and merchants must work together to make the best of a somewhat complex situation, and, above all, to work for the best interests of the State and of the community at large. As regards our own staff, we have now 155 men on active service, and I regret to say that eleven of them have been reported killed or missing. Our respectful and heartfelt sympathy is accorded to the relatives of those who have fallen. Of the rest of our men, 53 have obtained commissions, of whom one has received the D.S.O. and three the Military Cross. I think we may be proud of this record. (Hear, hear.) It has been, and is still, extremely difficult to maintain our foreign staff at a strength adequate with the Bank's requirements, and I would here take the opportunity of acknowledging the very loyal manner in which the members of our foreign staff have behaved, in many cases at a sacrifice of personal feeling and inclination. I am glad to report that the employment of lady clerks has been eminently satisfactory. They have been required at an urgent time to fill the vacancies caused in our head office. We have now a considerable number on our staff, and I may say that they are one and all fulfilling our expectations, and deserve great credit for their application to their duties and the execution of their work. I am confident that the shareholders will join the Court of Directors in expressing their appreciation of the services rendered by the managers and staff both at home and abroad, as evidenced in the balance-sheet submitted to you this day. It shows that the operations of the bank have been judiciously extended and satisfactorily conducted. As a consequence of the circumstances I have indicated in my foregoing remarks, the expenses of establishment have increased. It must be borne in mind that we continue to make adequate allowance to all our staff serving in His Majesty's Forces; also that the cost of living has increased both in the East and in the West, and must be met to an extent consistent with fair dealing on both sides. Until we have returned to normal conditions I anticipate no reduction in charge. I would mention, as it is not stated in the report, that all our securities have been written down to the market level, or something better, that existed on December 31 last. The various apportionments of the balance available will, I am sure, meet with the approval of the shareholders, especially the amount allocated for the bonus to the staff, and that earmarked for the superannuation fund. With these few remarks I beg to propose:—"That the report, together with the balance-sheet and profit and loss account, be approved and adopted." I will ask Sir Alfred Dent to second that.

Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G.: I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The Chairman: If any shareholders wish to make any remarks I will ask them to do so now before I put the motion for the adoption of the report.

Mr. Victor Murray: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, for many years at the annual meeting of this Chartered Company, we who have not been privileged to be present owing to absence abroad and for other reasons have read with very much interest the remarks on the silver currency question and the stability of Indian exchange made by the late Mr. H. M. Ross, and I feel sure I only express the sincere regrets of those who knew him personally and of the shareholders generally that he should have been taken from our midst in the prime of manhood when nobly assisting in charitable war work. Before sitting down I would like to express our deep gratification to the directors and the management for the very fine statement placed before us today. I recently returned from India via China, Japan and the United States, and I had occasion to call at the branches of this Bank in all these countries. The courtesy, kindness, and attention which I received from the members of the staff forcibly impressed me, and speaking from an experience spreading over the last thirty years, during which I have had business dealings with the Chartered Bank, I can most conscientiously say that in my opinion this Bank possesses a staff second to none. (Hear, hear.) With the very fine statement placed before us today I have no hesitation in stating that I feel sure the shareholders will not object to a liberal War bonus being paid to the staff, especially to those upon whose shoulders the high cost of living and the increased income-tax must be telling very hard, and I trust the directors will see their way to grant to all those deserving a special bonus during the period or term of this terrible War. In conclusion, I would just like to state—and I feel sure this is the opinion of the shareholders—how much we admire the members of the staff who are now under arms, and I can only endorse the Chairman's remarks that our deepest sympathy goes out to the relatives of those who have laid down their lives whilst fighting for their country, their King, and liberty. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman: Gentlemen, I am sure we must all agree with the remarks which have fallen from Mr. Victor Murray with regard to the sad loss of our friend, Mr. H. M. Ross. He was a particular friend of mine—I found him such—and a very good friend of the Bank, and it is with the very greatest regret that we miss his familiar figure and voice here today. As regards the staff, Mr. Murray's remarks are only what I as Chairman would expect, because I know that wherever you go you receive courtesy and civility at the hands of the members of the staff of the Chartered Bank. Mr. Murray's remarks as regards the bonus will not be forgotten; they will be considered in due course. They were anticipated as regards 1916, but I thought you referred to 1917—the present year.

Mr. Murray: I referred to the present balance-sheet, sir.

The Chairman: Well, that covers last year. Of course, we cannot alter the balance-sheet; but I may tell you that your remarks as regards 1916 were anticipated by the board.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Chairman: The next resolution which I beg to move is:—"That a dividend at the rate of 14% per annum for the half year ended December 31 last, together with a bonus of 12s. per share, both free of income tax, be now declared payable on and after the 11th inst."

Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K.C.I.E.: I have the pleasure to second that resolution.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: The third resolution which I beg to move is:—"That Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K.C.I.E., who now retires by rotation, be re-elected a director."

Mr. Thomas Cuthbertson: I have much pleasure in seconding that resolution.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K.C.I.E.: I am much obliged to you, gentlemen.

The Chairman: I have also to move:—"That Mr. William Henry Neville Goschen, who now retires by rotation, be re-elected a director."

Mr. W. F. Mitchell: I have much pleasure in seconding that resolution.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Chairman: I have now to call upon a shareholder to propose the fifth resolution with regard to the election of auditors for the ensuing year, and I have to state that both Mr. David Charles Wilson and Mr. Henry Croughton Knight Stileman present themselves for re-election.

Mr. Murray: I have very much pleasure in proposing:—"That Mr. David Charles Wilson and Mr. Henry Croughton Knight Stileman be re-elected auditors for the ensuing year."

Mr. R. D. Maclagan: I have much pleasure in seconding that resolution.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen.

Mr. H. B. Henley: Before we part, gentlemen, this resolution should be passed unanimously:—"That the best thanks of the shareholders be given to the directors and staff for their successful management of the Bank." In proposing this I think we ought to endorse thoroughly the remarks of the Chairman with regard to the staff, for unless the staff are working well the management cannot do their duty. I think our best thanks are due not only to the staff, whose services have been so eloquently referred to by the Chairman and by my friend Mr. Victor Murray, but also to the directors and the home authorities for their successful management of the Bank. The balance-sheet shows how successful the management has been, and we ought to thoroughly recognise it. (Applause.)

Mr. Edward Ambrose: I beg to second that.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman: On behalf of the directors I thank you very much indeed for this vote of thanks. It is a great pleasure to me to be able to present today what I really think is a very satisfactory balance-sheet. I hope we may do equally well in the coming year.

Mr. Whitehead: On behalf of the staff I beg to thank you heartily and most cordially for your appreciative remarks, and I have not the least doubt that they will be an incentive to further effort on the part of all the staff at home and abroad. (Hear, hear).

The proceedings then terminated.

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Date and Place	Per	Chi.	British	French	Ger.	U.S.A.	Russian	Japan	Regist
Today									
San Francisco, via Japan & Honolulu	Venezuela	8.30	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.00
Japan Ports	Kasuga maru	10.30*	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.00*
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Canada U.S.A. and Europe		..	11.00*	..	..	..	..	..	..
Japan via Moji	Kasuga maru	..	..	..	..	..	..	p11.30*	11.00*
River Ports	Kiangwah	9.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.00
Europe via Siberia (Post Train)	† Via Pukow	..	7.00*	..	..	..	..	..	5(23rd)
Hongkong and Canton		10.00*	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.30*
Europe via Suez		10.00*	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.30*
H'kong, Southern Ports, Australia the Straits Ceylon India E'ope via Suez		..	11.00*	..	..	..	..	..	10.30*
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Canada Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe	Venezuela	..	..	..	..	14.00	..	..	8.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Hsinming	9.00	5.00	5.00	..	..	5.00	..	9.00
Foochow	Kohoku maru	10.00*	10.30*	..	..	..	..	..	9.30*
Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin		..	10.30*	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Canada, U.S.A. and Europe		..	3.30	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tientsin (Every day except Sunday)		..	5.00	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hankow	Train	..	..	..	..	..	11.30*	..	10.00*
Peking and Tientsin	Train	..	..	..	..	..	5.00	..	5.00
Hankow		..	5.00	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ningpo	Kiangteen	3.30	3.00	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tomorrow									
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Canada, U.S.A. and Europe		..	A9.00	..	..	..	..	..	5.00
Hongkong and beyond	Kamakura maru	..	..	..	..	9.30*	..	..	9.00*
Hongkong		..	9.30*	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hongkong and beyond	Kamakura maru	..	..	..	..	..	..	p10.00*	9.30*
Japan via Nagasaki	Omi maru	..	..	..	..	..	..	c9.00	8.30
Hongkong and Canton	Kamakura maru	9.00*	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.30*
Japan and America		8.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo and Tientsin	Koonshing	10.30*	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.00*
River Ports	Loonewo	9.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.00
Japan Ports	Simbrisk	1.30	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.30
Japan Ports	Omi maru	8.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.00
Nagasaki and Vladivostock		..	2.00	..	..	..	..	..	..
Europe via Nagasaki and Vladivostock	Simbrisk	..	..	..	..	..	x2.30	..	2.15
Ningpo and Wenchow	Poochi	9.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.00
Saturday, May 26.									
Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin	Fengtien	8.30*	9.00*	..	..	..	..	..	8.00*
Honolulu		..	5.00	..	..	..	..	..	..
Europe via Siberia	Via Pukow	..	..	..	..	..	5.00	..	4.30
River Ports	Poyang	9.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.00
Hongkong and Canton	Yingchow	9.00	..	4.30	..	..	7.30	5.00	9.00
Sunday, May 27.									
Hongkong, S. Ports, Australia, Straits Ceylon, India & Europe via Suez			a11.00*	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hongkong and Canton		10.00*	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.30*
Europe via Suez		10.00*	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.20*
Europe via Siberia (Post Train)	† Via Pukow	..	7.00*	..	..	..	..	..	5(28th)
Monday, May 28.									
Europe via Siberia	Via Pukow	x9.00	..	..	..	..	6.00	..	5.30
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Canada, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe	Tenyo maru	..	..	..	..	c10.00*	..	..	..
Newchwang	Foochow	9.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.00
Wednesday, May 30.									
Europe via Siberia	Via Pukow	x9.00	..	..	..	..	6.00	..	5.30

† Letters forwarded by this route only when specially marked.

An asterick (*) denotes a.m.
A British Post Office will be open between 8.30 and 9 p.m. on the 25th instant.
B Money letters and parcels 11 a.m.
C Registration effected, postal money orders and parcel post until 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 26.
D Letters and boxes with declared value 11 a.m. Parcel post and money orders 10.30 a.m.
E Registration 8.30 p.m. Supplementary mails closed at 7 a.m following day.
F Letters and boxes with declared value 9.30 a.m. Parcel post and money orders 9 a.m.
G Letters and boxes with declared value 8.30 p.m. Parcel post 4 p.m. and money orders 3 p.m.
H Registration and parcel post 5 p.m. on previous day.
I Postal money orders until 2.30 p.m. and parcel post until 2 p.m.

British Post Office.—Until further notice the ordinary and registered letter mails for Europe via Pukow and Siberia will be closed at 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. There will be a supplementary receipt of unregistered correspondence between 8.20 and 9 o'clock on the same evening during which time the office will be open for the sale of stamps only.

Chinese Post Office.—Until further notice, mails for Europe, via Pukow and Siberia, will be closed at the Chinese Post Office as follows: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9 p.m. Registered mails are closed half an hour earlier. A supplementary mail of ordinary correspondence only will be closed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 a.m.

Japanese Post Office.—Until further notice a mail will be despatched for Europe, via Dalny, every Tuesday morning, and via Pukow and Mukden, by the night-train on Wednesday and Saturday.

Mails for Hankow close every day at 11.30 a.m. Registration at 11.30 a.m. and for Peking and Tientsin every day at 9 a.m. Registration at 5 p.m. at the Russian post office.

Chinese and Foreign Banking Announcements

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

Capital	£1,200,000
Reserve Fund	1,900,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders	1,200,000

Head Office:
38 BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, E. C.

Court of Directors:
Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, Chairman.
Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K.C.I.E.
T. Cuthbertson, Esq.
Sir Alfred Dant, K.C.M.G.
W. H. Neville Goschen, Esq.
The Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton, G.C.S.I.
W. Foot Mitchell, Esq.
Lewis Alexander Wallace, Esq.

Bankers:
The Bank of England.
The London City & Midland Bank Limited.
The London County and Westminister Bank, Limited.
The National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.
The National Bank of Scotland, Limited.

Agencies and Branches:

Amritsar	Ilollo	Puket
Bangkok	Ipoh	Rangoon
Batavia	Karachi	Saigon
Bombay	Klang	Seremban
Calcutta	Kobe	Singapore
Canton	Kuala-Lumpur	Shanghai
Cebu	Madras	Sourabaya
Colombo	Malacca	Taiping
Delhi	Manila	(F. M. S.)
Foochow	Medan	Tavoy (Lower
Haiphong	New York	Burma)
Hankow	Peking	Tientsin
Hongkong	Penang	Yokohama

Shanghai Branch, 18 The Bund.

Drafts granted on the above Agencies and Branches and also on the principal Commercial Cities throughout the world. Bills of Exchange bought and received for Collection. Travelling Letters of Credit issued and every description of Banking and Exchange business undertaken.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Account, according to arrangement.

Fixed Deposits are received for twelve months and shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

W. B. SUTHERLAND,
Manager.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

Capital	Frs. 48,000,000.00
Reserves	Frs. 48,000,000.00

Succursales et Agences:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Saigon
Battambang	Hongkong	Shanghai
Canton	Mengtse	Singapore
Djibouti	Noumea	Tientsin
Dondichery	Peking	Tourane
Haiphong	Papeete	
Hankoou	Pnom-Penh	

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Pari et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.
In London: The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte des Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

This Shanghai Agency undertakes all banking operations and exchange business, grants credits on goods and approved securities and receives deposits on current and fixed deposits according to arrangement.

L. ARDAIN,
Manager.

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Filiale de la Societe Generale de Belgique
Societe Anonyme
Paid-up Capital ....Frs. 30,000,000

Head Office: BRUSSELS.
London office: 2 Bishopsgate.
Branches at Peking, Tientsin, Alexandria, Cairo (Egypt), and Rotterdam

President:
JEAN JADOT
Gouvernor Societe Generale de Belgique.

Bankers:
London: Martin's Bank, Ltd.
Brussels: Societe Generale de Belgique.
Antwerp: Banque d'Anvers.
Paris: Banque de l'Union Parisienne, Societe Anonyme.
Lyons and Marseilles: Comptoir National d'Escompte d'Paris.
New York: National City Bank of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Taels and fixed deposits according to arrangements.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

M. DEMETS,
Manager for China.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital	$15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—	
Sterling, £1,500,000 @ 2s.	$15,000,000
Silver	18,500,000
	$33,500,000
Reserve liability of Proprietors	$15,000,000

Head Office: HONGKONG
Court of Directors:
S. H. Dodwell, Esq., Chairman.
J. A. Plummer Esq., Deputy
Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton. [Chairman.
A. H. Compton Esq.
G. T. M. Edkins, Esq.
C. S. Gubbay Esq.
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.
E. V. D. Darr, Esq.
W. L. Pattenden, Esq.

Chief Manager.
Hongkong—N. J. STABB.

Branches and Agencies:

Amoy	Ipoh	Peking
Bankok	Johore	Penang
Batavia	Kobe	Rangoon
Bombay	Kualalumpur	Saigon
Calcutta	London	S. Francisco
Canton	Lyons	Shanghai
Colombo	Malacca	Singapore
Foochow	Manila	Sourabaya
Hankow	Nagasaki	Tientsin
Harbin	New York	Tsingtau
Iloilo		Yokohama

London Bankers:
London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Shanghai Branch: 12, The Bund.
Sub-Agency: 9 Broadway.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, China, Japan and America.

A. G. STEPHEN.
Manager.

Russo-Asiatic Bank

	Roubles.
Capital (fully-paid)	55,000,000
Reserve Fund	24,600,000
	Kpg. Tls.
Capital Contributed by the Chinese Government	3,500,000
Reserve Fund	1,743,000

Head office: PETROGRAD.
Paris Office: 9, Rue Boudreau.
London Office: 64, Old Broad St. E. C.

Bankers:
London: Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.
Paris: Societe General pour favoriser le Development de Commerce et de l'Industrie en France. Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
Lyons: Societe Gerenale pour favoriser le Development du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

Far Eastern Branches and Agencies

Bombay	Hailan	Peking
Calcutta	Hankow	Shanghai
Chanchun	Harbin	Tientsin
(Kwan chendze)	Hongkong	Tsingtau
Chefoo	Newchwang	Vladivostock
Dalny	Nicolayowsk	Yokohama
	(Dairen c-A	

85 Branches and Agencies in Russia, Siberia and Mongolia

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Account and Fixed Deposits in Taels, Dollars and Roubles. Terms on application.

Local Bills discounted. Special facilities for Russian Exchange.

Foreign Exchange on the principal cities of the world bought and sold.

Safe Deposits Boxes.

J. JEZIERSKI,
Q. CARRERE,
Managers for China and Japan

The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd.

9, Ningpo Road.

Paid-Up Capital	$ 300,000.00
Reserves	$ 10,000.00
Deposits (Dec. 31, 1916)	$1,400,000.0

Correspondents at principal cities in China, and domestic exchange a speciality.

Credits granted on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Current account in both taels and dollars with interest, may be opened on application.

Particulars of interest allowed on fixed deposits, in both taels and dollars, will be furnished on request.

K. P. CHEN,
General Manager.

The Bank of China

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorised Capital	$60,000,000
Paid-up Capital	$10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
Branches and Agencies:
Peking, Tientsin, Newchang, Mukden, Changchun, Harbin, Dairen, Tsinan, Tsingtau, Kaifung, Hankow Ichang, Shanshi, Wuhu, Yangchow, Chinkiang, Nanking, Shanghai, Hangchow, Ningpo, Foochow, Canton, Nanchang, Taiyuen, etc., etc.

SHANGHAI BRANCH,
3 HANKOW ROAD.

Loans granted on approved securities. Local bills discounted. Interests allowed on Current Deposit Account in Taels at the rate of 2 per cent per annum and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

SUNG HAN-CHANG.
Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Saving Bank Office:
12 The Bund, and 9 Broadway.

Deposits of not less than $1, or over $100, will be received at one time.

Not more than $1,200 will be received in one year from any single depositor whose credit balance shall not at any time exceed the sum of $5,000.

Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum will be allowed on the monthly minimum balance. Deposits may be withdrawn on demand. Accounts will be kept either in Mexican Dollars or Taels, at the option of the depositor.

Depositors will be presented with Pass Books in which all transactions will be entered. Pass Books must be presented when paying in or withdrawing money.

Office Hours—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Banque Industrielle de Chine

Capital	Francs 45,000,000

One-third of the Capital, i. e. Frs. 15,000,000, subscribed by
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC

Statutes approved by the Government of the Chinese Republic on January 11, 1913.

President, Andre Berthelot.
General Manager, A. J. Pernotte.

HEAD OFFICE
74, RUE ST. LAZARE, PARIS.

Branches in Peking, Tientsin and Shanghai

BANKERS:
In France: Societe Generale pour le Development du Commerce et du l'Industrie en France.
In London: London, County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

G. LION,
Manager.
1, French Bund, Shanghai.

Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited

(*Established* 1880.)

Head Office: YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 48,000,000
Capital Paid-up	„ 30,000,000
Reserve Fund	„ 20,800,000

London Bankers:
Union of London & Smith's Bank, The London Joint Stock Bank, Parr's Bank, Ltd.

Branches and Agencies

Antunghsin	London	Port Arthu
Bombay	Liaoyang	S. Francisco
Calcutta	Los Angeles	Singapore
Changchun	Lyons	Sydney
Dalny	Mukden	Sinanfu
Hankow	Nagasaki	Tiehling
Harbin	Newchwang	Tientsin
Hongkong	New York	Tokio
Honolulu	Osaka	Tsingtau
Kobe	Peking	

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Taels and Dollars, according to arrangement.

Drafts granted on principal places in Japan, Korea, Formosa and China, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India and America, and every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

K. KODAMA, Manager.

International Banking Corporation

Capital & Surplus	U.S.$6,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,010,000.00
	U.S.$7,510,000.00

Head Office:
55 Wall Street, New York
National City Bank Building.

London Office:
36 Bishopsgate, E.C.

Branches:

Bombay	Hongkong	Peking
Calcutta	Kobe	San Francisco
Canton	London	Santo Domingo
Cebu	Manila	San Pedro de, Macoris
Colon (Cristobal C.Z.)	Medellin	Shanghai
Hankow	Panama	Singapore
		Tientsin
		Yokohama

Through its close affiliation with the NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, the Corporation is able to offer the special services of the Branches of that Institution established at:—

Bahia	Rio de Janeiro
Buenos Aires	Santiago de Cuba
Genoa	Santos
Havana	San Paulo
Montevideo	Valparaiso
Petrograd	

The Corporation issues Commercial and Travellers' Letters of Credit and Travellers' Cheques, receives money on CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSIT on terms which may be ascertained on application, and transacts all other descriptions of Banking and Exchange business.

H. C. GULLAND,
Manager.
1a Kiukiang Road, SHANGHAI.

Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

Established 1824.

Paid-up Capital— Guilds 60,000,000	(about £5,000,000
Reserve Fund— Guilds 9,925,421	(about £827,120)

Head Office; AMSTERDAM.
Head Agency: BATAVIA
Agencies in Holland:
THE HAGUE and ROTTERDAM.
Branches.

Banjermasin	Padang	Soerokarta
Bandoeng	Palembang	Tandjong Balei
Cheribon	Pekalongan	Tebin-Tinggi
Dejember	Penang	Tegal
Djokjakarta	Pontianak	Telok-Betong
Hongkong	Rangoon	Tjilatjap
Kota-Radja	Semarang	Weltevreden
Makassar	Singapore	
Medan	Soerabaya	

London Bankers:
Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents at the principal places in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

The Bank buys, sells, and receives for collection bills of exchange issues letters of credit on its branches and correspondents, and transacts banking business of every description.

Current accounts kept in taels and dollars.

SHANGHAI INTEREST ALLOWED on current tael accounts and fixed deposits, according to arrangement.

B. G. J. WYNBERG.
Manager.

Commercial Bank of China

Head office: SHANGHAI

Subscribed Capital	Sh. Tls. 5,000,000
Paid-up Capital	Sh. Tls. 2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on daily balance. On Fixed deposits:

For 3 months at 3% per annum.
For 6 months at 4% per annum.
For 12 months at 5% per annum.

On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

H. C. MARSHALL,
Chief Manager.

The Bank of Canton, Limited.

Incorporated 1912.

Authorised Capital	H.$2,000,000
Subscribed and paid up Capital	H.$1,371,500
Reserve Fund	H.$ 120,000
Investment reserve fund	H.$ 20,000

Head Office:
No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

Shanghai Office:
No. 2 Ningpo Road.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

C. C. WONG,
Act. Manager.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.

Authorised Capital	£1,500,000
Subscribed Capital	1,125,000
Paid-up Capital	562,500
Reserve Fund	600,000

HEAD OFFICE, 15 Gracechurch Street LONDON, E. C.

London Bankers:
Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.
Branches & Agencies.

Bombay	Howrah	Madras
Calcutta	Kandy	Penang
Colombo	Karachi	Port Louis
Delhi	Kota Bahru	(Mauritius)
Galle	(Kelantan)	Rangoon
Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
	Singapore,	

Shanghai Branch.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2% per annum and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

C. T. BEATH,
Acting Manager
7 Nanking Road. 9752

BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS

Specially authorized by Presidential Mandates of April 7, 1914 and October 31, 1915.

Paid up Capital: Kuping Taels 10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
50 Branches and Agencies at principal commercial places in China.
SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits in Taels and Dollars according to arrangements.

Credit granted on Approved Securities and Every Description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

CHAO CHING HUA,
Manager

SUMITOMO BANK, LIMITED

SHANGHAI BRANCH
1 Kiukiang Road

Capital (Paid-up)	Yen 15,000,000
Reserves	Yen 1,470,000
Deposits	Yen 120,000,000

President, Baron K. SUMITOMO

Head Office: OSAKA.

Branches:
Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto Osaka, Kobe, Hyogo, Onomichi Kure, Niihama, Hiroshima, Yanai Shimonoseki, Moji Wakamatsu Kukuoka, Kurume, Honolulu, San Francisco, Bombay and Hankow

London Banker:
LLOYDS BANK, LIMITED
New York Banker:
NATIONAL CITY BANK OF N. Y.

Banking Business in General Foreign Exchange Business, Travellers' and Commercial Letters of Credit, Correspondents throughout the World.

S. KASAHARA,
Manager
Tel. No. 3536 (Sumitomo Bank).
Tel. No. 4663 (Compradore Office).

中 华 汇 业 银 行 Chung Foo Union Bank

Statutes approved by the Government in 1916
Head Office: Tientsin

Capital	$2,000,000.00
Paid up Capital	$1,000,000.00

Managing Director: SUN TAO SAN

Branches and Agencies:

Peking	Tientsin
Shanghai	Hankow
Nanking	Pengpu
Hsuchow	Chinkiang
Yangchow	Hangchow
Ningpo	Shaohsing

Shanghai Branch
441, Ningpo Road

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Credits granted on approved securities.

Y. R. SUN,
Manager.
T. D. ZAR,
Sub-manager.

Vessels In Harbor And At Woosung

Arrived	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Nov 14	Hankow	Albenga	1769	Ger.	Carlowitz	US
Aug 4	Hongkong	Bohemia	1282	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B VII
Aug 5	Hongkong	China	3868	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	9 p
May 6	Hankow	Changwo	496	Br.	J. M. & Co.	SHW
May 12	Japan	Chikuzen maru	2578	Jap.	N.	NYKW
Aug 8	Hongkong	D. Rickmer	2651	Ger.	H. D. & Co	USA
Dec 27	Nanking	Fortuna	182	Ger.	H. D. & Co	US
May 3	Hongkong	Feiching	994	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
May 2	Hankow	Hanping	581	Chi.	H. Y. & P. I. Co	KMAW
May 16		Irene	838	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
May 16	Hankow	Kiangyu	1490	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co	KLYW
May 22	Japan	Kasuga maru	2387	Jap.	N. Y. K.	NYKW
May 22	Hongkong	Kwangtse	1768	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
May 21	Hankow	Kiangwah	2101	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co	KLYW
May 22	Tientsin	Kwangming	3238	Br.	J. M. & Co.	SHW
July 16	Hankow	Meldan	1682	Ger.	Melchers	US
July 30	Hankow	Mellee	1682	Ger.	Melcher	US
Mar 18	Ningpo	Melfoo	406	Am.	S. Oil Co	SOCW
May 20	Japan	Pyrrhus	5899	Br.	B. & S.	BV
July 30	Tsingtao	Sikiang	1840	Ger.	H. A. L.	US
July 30	Hongkong	Steels	3318	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B IX
May 21	Hongkong	Shantung	2807	Br.	B. & S.	CNPW
May 22	Hankow	Tafoo maru	1758	Jap.	N.K.K.	LPDW
May 22	Hankow	Tungting	2036	Br.	B. & S.	CNW
May 22	Swatow	Talsbun	1612	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW

Men-of-War In Port

Section	Date	From	Name	Flag and Rating	Tons	Guns	Man	Commander
P&OBI	Apr. 16	Cruise	Monocacy	Am g-b.	190	2	43	McFeaters
P&OBI	Apr. 20	Cruise	Palos	Am g-b.	190	2	43	Delano
BNB	Apr. 13	Cruise	Quiros	Am g-b.	370	4	55	Lewis
P	Apr. 24	Cruise	Samar	Am g-b.	243	4	33	Brown
BNB	Apr. 24	Cruise	Villalobos	Am g-b.	370	4	55	Partello

The French gunboats D. de Lagree and Decidee, the Japanese gunboats Fushimi, Sumida and Toba, and the British gunboat Woodlark are not included in this list, being dismantled.

AMUSEMENTS

OLYMPIC

TOMORROW NIGHT
Friday, May 25
Fred ric S ipman
ANNOUNCES
LAST FAREWELL CONCERT
by the Famous French-Canadia Tenor

PAUL DUFAULT

ASSISTED BY
PAULINE BINDLEY
Soprano.
ERNEST EMPSON
Pianist

The Friday Concert will be an "All Request Programme." Those desiring special numbers are asked to send their "requests" to Paul Dufault, Astor House.

This will be the Last Concert as Paul Dufault sails the following day for Canada.

Prices: $3, $2 and $1. Booking at Moutrie's

Victoria Theatre

Commencing Tonight, May 24th

CHUNG LING SOO

Direct from the
LONDON HIPPODROME

Supported by Vaudeville from London Variety Theatres

Booking at Messrs. Moutrie

TOWA CINEMA THEATRE

No. 3 Woochang Road (Near Chapoo Road)

Programme for May 24th, 1917

"THE IRON CLAW"

The most sensational Serial Photo-play. In 20 Episodes of Two Parts each. Featuring Pearl White, Creighton Hale and Sheldon Lewis.

TONIGHT
showing 9th and 10th Episodes, entitled
"ARROWS OF HATE" and
"THE LIVING DEAD"
FOUR REELS

"UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT"
Ko Comedy. IN TWO PARTS.

"SOME PORTS IN CATALONIA"
Travel Picture.

Tonight! Tonight!

THE
OLYMPIC THEATRE
PRESENTS
The Second Paramount Programme
SHOWING
The Great Farce-Comedy Triumph of the American Stage

"ARE YOU A MASON?"

IN FIVE ACTS
WITH THE CELEBRATED COMEDIAN
JOHN BARRYMORE

Siccawei Weather Report

22.—After a short and moderate rise, the pressures have fallen in the Yangtsze Valley; a depression is shown in Pechihli. Overcast or rainy weather in most of the stations.

23.—Rain during the night; the barometers have stopped falling in our regions, but the breezes keep to the S.S.E.

Wednesday, May 23, 1917.

WEATHER.	4 a.m.	9 a.m
Bar. at Centg., mm	761.16	762.23
" " inches	29.97	30.01
Variation mm. for 24 h	-0.43	-0.00
Variation mm. for 12 h	-0.63	-0.56
Wind { Direction	ssw	sw
Wind { Kilom per hour	14	20
Wind { Miles	8.7	12.4
Temperature { Cen	14.8	20.7
Temperature { Fahr	57.7	69.3
Humidity 100	90	47
Relative 5-10	10	8
Rainfall mm	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	1

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
May 23	11.00*	San Francisco	Tenyo maru	Jap.	Alexander
" 28		Tacoma & Seattle Wash	Manila maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
June 3	5.00*	Victoria B.C. & Seattle	Kamakura maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 14		San Francisco	Nippon maru	Jap.	Alexander
" 20	4.00*	Victoria B.C. & Seattle	Shidzuoka maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 26		San Francisco	China	Am	G. J. Pet.

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
May 24	12 30	Kobe and Osaka via Moji	Kasuga maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 25	5.00	Nagasaki	Simbirsk	Rus.	R. V. F.
" 26	4.30*	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Omi maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 28	1.00*	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Tenyo maru	Jap.	Alexander
" 29	4.30*	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Chikugo maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 29	4.00*	Kobe	Kashima maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
June 2	..	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe	Hakusan maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
June 3	3.3	Liverpool etc.	Katori maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 12	9.00*	London etc.	Kamo maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
May 23	4.30	Ningpo	Kiangtsen	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
" 24	1.00	Takao via F'chow & K'lung	Kohoku maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
" 24	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Shantung	Br.	B. & S.
" 25	2.00	Hongkong	Chicago maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
" 24	A.M.	Hongkong and Canton	Kwangtse	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
" 26	A.M.	Amoy, Swatow & Foochow	Taishun	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co
" 25	4.00	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	Br.	B. & S.
" 23	4.30	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	Chi.	N.S.S. Co.
" 25	noon	Hongkong	Kamakura maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
" 27	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Yingchow	Br.	B. & S.
" 29	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Chenan	Br.	B. & S.
" 31	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Sinkiang	Br.	B. & S.

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
May 25	noon	T'tao, Y.h.w. C'f.o & T'tsin	Koonshing	Br.	J. M. & Co
" 25	4.30	via Vostock	Simbirsk	Rus.	R.V.F.
" 25	5.5.	T'tsin & Dairy via T'tao	Keelung maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
" 26		Chiowangtao direct	Yodo maru	Jap.	K. M. A.
" 28	3.00*	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & T'tsin	Fengtien	Br.	B. & S
" 29	4.00	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & T'tsin	Shuntien	Br.	B. & S.
" 29	4.30	Dairy	Nagaki maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
" 29	D.L.	Newchwang	Foochow	Br.	B. & S.

FOR RIVER PORTS

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
May 24	M.N.	Hankow etc.	Kiangwah	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
" 25	M.N.	do	Taifoo maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 24	M.N.	do	Tungting	Br.	B. & S.
" 25	M.N.	do	Chungking	Br.	B. & S.
" 25	M.N.	do	Loongwo	Br.	J.M. & Co.
" 26	M.N.	do	Poyang	Br.	B. & S.
" 27	M.N.	do	Nanyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 25	M.N.	do	Talee maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 24	M.N.	do	Luenho	Br.	J.M. & Co.
" 29	M.N.	do	Lueny i	Br.	B. & S.
" 29	M.N.	do	Yangtsze maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 29	M.N.	do	Suiwo	Br.	J. M. & Co.
" 30	M.N.	do	Nganking	Br.	B. & S.
" 30	M.N.	do	Yohyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.

* A.M. M.N.—Midnight. D.L.—Daylight.

Arrivals

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
May 23	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B. & S.	CNCW
" 23	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.N.Co.	NSCW
" 23	Vladivostock	Simbirsk	1150	Rus.	R. V. F.	9 p
" 23	Hongkong	Yingchow	1992	Br.	B. & S.	CNPW
" 23	Foochow	Keelung maru	963	Jap.	O. S. K.	OSKW
" 23	Wenchow	Poochi	631	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
" 23	Foochow	Kohoku maru	628	Jap.	O. S. K.	KLYW
" 23	Japan	Omi maru	5222	Jap.	N. Y. K.	NYKW
" 23	Tientsin	Hsinming	1428	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW

Departures

Date	For	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents
May 24	Hankow etc.	Wuchang	1719	Br.	B. & S.
" 25	Hankow etc.	Kiangtoo	1468	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co
" 25	Tientsin direct	Hsinfung	1290	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
" 25	Hankow etc.	Siangyang maru	2225	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 25	Hankow etc.	Whasheng	748	Chi.	C.S.S. Co.
" 25	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B. & S.
" 25	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.N.Co.

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WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Fengtien, Capt. Harris, will leave from the French Bund on Saturday, May 26 at 10 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Shuntien, Capt. Northcombe, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday, May 29, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

NEWCHWANG.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Foochow, Capt. C. R. Mecham, will leave on Tuesday, May 29, at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Tel. No. 77.

Vessels Loading

For River Ports

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HANKOW and PORTS.—The str. Kiangwah, Capt. J. McArthur, will leave on Thursday night. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

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HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Ngankin, Capt. Newcomb, will leave from the French Bund on Wednesday, May 30, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

For Southern Ports

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B. s.	B. s.	B. S.			B. S.	B.	B. s.
2000	930	300	0	dep. Peking arr.	1220	1900	1000
1345	1115	615	. .	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	1005	1700	730
1330	1100	600	84	dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	1000	1645	715
000	1130	630	. .	arr. Tientsin-East dep.	1000	1645	700
1000	530	2310	524	arr. Mukden dep.	200	. .	1040

Local 5.	Mail 3.			Tientsin-Pukow Line	Mail 4.	Local 6.
	B. s.				B. s.	
715	1130	—	0	dep. Tientsin-East arr.	1700	1900
735	1140	—	2.71	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	1650	1941
745	1200	—	78	dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	1631	1911
1130	1540	—	118	dep. Tsangshow dep.	1325	1508
1451	1740	—	148	dep. Techow dep.	1043	1138
1801	2021	—	—	arr. Tsinanfu dep.	800	845
7.	.	—	220		1	8.
800	2031	—	—	dep. Tsinanfu arr.	750	1813
1048	2231	—	266	dep. Tsinanfu dep.	601	1543
1300	032	—	318	arr. Yanchowfu dep.	340	1311
1318	048	—	318	dep. Yanchowfu arr.	323	1248
1648	318	—	377	dep. Lincheng dep.	130	1032
1818	430	—	—	arr. Hsuchowfu dep.	2330	810
9.	1	—	420	1	1	10.
000	437	—	—	dep. Hsuchowfu arr.	2325	2001
1130	843	—	523	arr. Pengpu dep.	1903	1442
1204	940	—		dep. Pengpu arr.	1945	1432
1607	1130	—	600	dep. Chuchow dep.	1845	925
1840	1300	—	631	arr. Pukow dep.	1530	738

Express 16.	Express 10.			Shanghai-Nanking Line	Express 1.	Express 15.
B. S.	B.				B.	B. S.
. .	1430	. .	0	dep. Nanking-Ferry arr.	1410	. .
2000	1430	. .	. .	dep. Nanking arr.	1415	930
700	2130	. .	198	arr. Shanghai-North dep.	705	2300

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900	1200	2130	d. Yanchowfu a.	630	1230	2000	530	1130	1800	d. Lincheng a.	810	1410	2100
1400	1445	2230	a. Taikingchow d.	535	1125	1855	630	1220	1900	a. Taochwang d.	705	1305	1955

The station for the foreign concessions in Tientsin is "TIENTSIN-EAST"

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900 — train runs on Thursday only. 230 — train runs on Fridays only.

B — train has buffet car with regular meal service

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By Order,

THE TRAFFIC MANAGER

Tientsin, September, 1916.

BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

N. Y. K.

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PATRIOTIC LEAGUE OF BRITONS OVERSEAS

Empire Day, Thursday, 24th May, 1917

MILITARY TOURNAMENT

In Aid of the Royal Flying Corps Hospital

BY kind permission of the Officers concerned, the British Units of the S. V. C. and the Sikh Branch of the S. M. P. will give a Military Tournament on the Polo Ground, Recreation Ground, at 4 p.m.

Admission by ticket, Adults $1.00, Children 50 cents, to be obtained from Members of the S. V. C., the Officers of the S. M. P., the Committee of the Patriotic League and principle Stores or at the gate.

Tea & Light Refreshments will be obtainable on the ground.

K. D. STEWART, Hon. Secretary.

13867

Russian 5% Internal Liberty Loan, 1917.

Subscription to the LIBERTY LOAN is opened in Russia up to the 13/26th of June, 1917.

The price of issue is 85%.

The Loan is free of income tax and other taxations.

The Loan is issued for 55 years, and will be redeemable at par by yearly drawings beginning in December, 1922.

The Loan may be reimbursed at par after the 16/29 of March, 1927.

Coupons are payable in Russia half-yearly, on the 16/29 of March and 16/29 of September.

Interest on the loan runs from the 16/29 of March, 1917: interest from that date will be added to the price of issue.

The Russo-Asiatic Bank, and its Branches in China, Japan and India, are ready to accept applications for the above-named Loan.

Special favourable rates will be quoted for Russian Exchange.

Applications will be wired to Petrograd free of telegraphic charges and commission. The Bank is ready to give every facility to subscribers in the shape of advances against the Bonds.

L. JEZIERSKI, Manager.

13616

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR CHINA

In re Estate of Grace M. Lucas, Deceased

Pursuant to an order of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Grace M. Lucas, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers, to Louise S. Abbey, Administratrix of her estate, on or before November 27, 1917: and all persons owing debts to said deceased are hereby notified to make payment of the same in due course to said Administratrix.

LOUISE S. ABBEY, Administratrix, Nanking, China.

Shanghai, China, May 17, 1917.

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Shanghai Foreign Exchange Bankers' Association

EMPIRE DAY

THE Exchange Banks which are members of the above Association will close from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, the 24th instant.

21st May, 1917. 13903

Dr. S. Nakanishi

Veterinary Surgeon

Y-A 4 Barchet Road,

wishes to inform patrons that his telephone number has been changed to North 611 from April 1, 1917.

13232

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SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY ABRIDGED TIME TABLE.

Shanghai North To Nanking and Peking—Up (Main Line) Peking and Nanking To Shanghai North—Down

STATIONS.		Express B.	Local	Slow	Coolie Goods	Fast R.	Local	Night Express R.S.
SHANGHAI NORTH	dep.	7.55	..	8.30	9.00	12.50	15.20	23.05
SOOCHOW	dep.	9.41	..	11.02	12.13	14.57	18.15	1.06
WUSIH	dep.	10.31	..	11.51	13.09	15.52	19.41	2.00
CHANGCHOW	dep.	11.32	6.20	13.05	14.01	16.47	20.45	3.10
TANYANG	dep.	12.09	9.08	14.09	14.54	17.43	..	4.01
CHINKIANG	dep.	12.52	9.59	15.07	17.18	18.32	..	7.06
NANKING	arr.	14.15	10.56	17.50	19.25	20.05	..	8.50
NANKING FERRY	arr.	14.10	..	..	..	..	..	..
PUKOW	dep.	5.15	7.30	..	..	..	..	..
TSINANFU	dep.	8.06	Sleeping	..	..	..	..	..
TIENTSIN CENTRAL	arr.	16.31	Car	..	..	..	..	..
	dep.	17.00	P.R.R.	..	..	..	..	..
PEKING	arr.	*19.50		..	..	..	..	..

STATIONS.		Local	Slow	Coolie Goods	Fast R	Local	Express B.		Night Express R.S.
PEKING	dep.	..	..	..	..	..	8.55	P.R.R.	..
TIENTSIN	arr.	..	..	..	..	..	11.10		..
CENTRAL	dep.	..	..	..	..	..	11.40	Sleeping Car	..
TSINANFU	dep.	..	..	..	..	..	0.31		..
PUKOW	arr.	..	..	..	..	..	13.00	P.R.R.	..
NANKING FERRY	dep.	..	..	..	..	..	14.20		..
NANKING	arr.	..	7.00	7.30	11.15	14.30	16.55		22.50
	dep.	..	9.00	9.32	1.50	15.01	18.25		1.00
CHINKIANG	dep.	..	9.27	10.5	12.40	14.58	19.19		..
TANYANG	dep.	6.20	11.14	12.28	14.02	17.24	20.30		5.08
CHANGCHOW	dep.	7.31	2.52	13.44	15.18	18.31	..		6.13
WUSIH	dep.	8.46	14.50	15.08	16.55	19.28	..		6.13
SOOCHOW	dep.	11.25	16.30	17.55	19.35	21.20	..		7.50
SHANGHAI NORTH	arr.								

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Woosung Forts to Shanghai North—Up (Branch Line) Shanghai North to Woosung Forts—Down

WOOSUNG FORTS	dep.	6.55	8.15	10.45	13.10	14.40	16.20	19.05	19.55	22.10
KIANGWAN	dep.	7.22	8.42	11.12	13.37	15.07	16.47	19.37	20.22	22.37
SHANGHAI NORTH	arr.	7.30	8.50	11.20	13.45	15.15	16.55	19.45	20.30	22.45

SHANGHAI NORTH	dep.	6.15	7.35	10.05	12.15	14.00	15.50	17.25	19.10	21.00
KIANGWAN	dep.	6.28	7.48	10.16	12.28	14.11	15.41	17.36	9.21	21.47
WOOSUNG FORTS	arr.	6.50	8.10	10 40	12.50	14 35	16.05	18.00	19.45	22.08

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY ABRIDGED TIME TABLE

SHANGHAI NORTH TO ZAH KOU—"DOWN" MAIN LINE. ZAH KOU TO SHANGHAI NORTH—"UP"

STATIONS		Local	Fast	Slow	Coolie & Goods	Local	Express	Local	Local	Local
Shanghai North	dep.	....	7.40	8.55	10.05	....	14.05	....	....	....
Jessfield	dep.	....	8.01	9.16	10.26	....	14.25	....	....	....
Siccawei	dep.	....	8.10	9.25	10.35	....	14.34	....	....	....
Lunghwa Junction	dep.	....	8.28	9.48	11.00	....	14.52	....	....	....
Shanghai South	*dep.*	....	*8.00*	*9.20*	*10.30*	*13.35*	*14.30*	*16.10*	*16.45*	*18.00*
Lunghwa Junction	*dep.*	....	*8.28*	*9.48*	*11.00*	*13.53*	*14.52*	*16.29*	*17.03*	*18.18*
Sunghiang	dep.	....	9.13	10.55	12.10	....	15.28	17.47	....	....
Kashai	dep.	....	10.03	11.58	13.33	....	16.15	18.57	....	....
Kashing	dep.	7.20	10.35	12.36	14.16	....	16.46	19.30	....	....
Yeh Zah	dep.	8.08	11.14	13.20	15.15	....	17.21	....	....	....
Chang Au	dep.	9.00	11.49	14.04	16.10	....	17.55	....	....	....
Hangchow	dep.	10.38	12 58	15.26	17.47	....	18.54	....	....	....
Zah Kou	arr.	11.00	13.09	15.45	18.15	....	19.10	....	....	....

STATIONS		Local	Local	Local	Fast	Slow	Local	Coolie and Goods	Express	Local
Zah Kou	dep.	....	....	....	6.45	8.10	....	8.55	14.15	16.00
Hangchow	dep.	....	....	....	7.15	8.40	....	9.33	14 40	16.30
Chang Au	dep.	....	....	....	8.15	9.56	....	11.03	15.26	17.07
Yeh Zah	dep.	....	....	....	8.52	10.40	....	12.30	15.57	18.00
Kashing	dep.	....	....	7.25	9.40	11.30	....	14.07	16.38	18.40
Kashai	dep.	....	....	8.00	10.05	12.00	....	14 47	17.01	....
Sunghiang	dep.	....	....	9.18	10.57	13.03	....	16.13	17.48	....
Lunghwa Junction	*dep.*	*8.35*	*9.58*	*10.37*	*11.48*	*14.05*	*14.55*	*17.22*	*18.33*	....
Shanghai South	*arr.*	*8.53*	*10.13*	*10.55*	*12.05*	*14.23*	*15.13*	*17.40*	*18.50*	....
Lunghwa Junction	dep.	....	....	....	11.44	14.07	..	17.22	18.33	....
Siccawei	dep.	....	....	....	11.53	14.17	....	17.32	18.42	....
Jessfield	dep.	....	....	....	12.01	14 26	....	17.41	18.51	....
Shanghai North	arr.	....	....	....	12.20	14.45	....	18.00	19.16	....

KON ZEN CHIAO TO ZAH KOU KIANGSU BRANCH LINE. ZAH KOU TO KON ZEN CHIAO

Kon Zen Chiao..	dep.	7.05	8.30	11.05	14.05	16.05	18.15	Zah Kou.....	dep.	....	9.40	12.20	...	17.15	....
Ken Shang Mun.	dep.	7.25	8.50	11.20	14.21	16.20	18.29	Hangchow.....	dep.	7.45	10.05	12.50	14.55	17.40	18.00
Hangchow.....	dep.	7.35	9.05	11.35	14.31	16.37	18.37	Ken Shang Mun.	dep.	8.00	10.28	13.05	15.10	17.52	19.00
Zah Kou.....	arr.	....	9.25	11.55	....	17.00	....	Kon Zen Chiao..	arr.	8.13	10.35	13.18	15.23	18.05	19.15

Business and Official Notices

NOTICE

WE have transferred the interest of our Company to Messrs. The Toa Tobacco Co., Ltd., as from the 16th May, 1917, and our responsibility ceases from that date.

The Oriental Cigarette and Tobacco Co.,
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NOTICE

WITH reference to the above Notice, we beg to state that we have taken over the Oriental Cigarette & Tobacco Co., as from the 16th May, 1917. All outstanding accounts of the former Company will be settled by Mr. D. Beretta.

The TOA TOBACCO Co., Ltd.,
T. MIYOSHI,
Manager.
13930

Kiangwan Races

26th and 28th May, 1917

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By Order,
Y. J. CHANG,
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Dinner will be served from 7.30, and a hot a la carte supper will be served in the Lounge after the production of "BLIGHTY." At both dinner and supper there will be selected music and in addition there will be dancing in the Lounge after the Theatre.

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The steamer is now discharging all her cargo, except Opium and Munitions of War, at the Yangtszepoo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be requested to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst being landed. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by Consignees of cargo. All claims against this steamer must be sent in before the 3rd June, or they will not be recognised. Damaged cargo will be examined on Thursday and Friday, the 30th and 31st instant, at 10 a.m.

Osaka Shosen Kaisha
M 26

S. N. & S. H. N. Railways

Important Notice

Out of respect to the late Major General Kiang Shao-yuan, Acting Managing Director of the S. N. & S. H. N. Railways, who passed away last evening, the 3rd Annual Sports Meeting and Gymkhana which was arranged for Saturday, the 26th instant, has been postponed to a later date, of which due notification will be given.

H. T. MOUSLEY,
Honorary Secretary for Sports Meeting.
May 23rd, 1917. 13931

NOTICE

DURING the absence of Mr. Leopold Jacob, Mr. James S. Dolan will be in charge, and sign the firm as manager.

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American Woman's Club

Postponement of Garden Fete.

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Donations given and money paid for tickets will be refunded by the various Committees, or kept till autumn, as desired by the donors and purchasers.

By order of Executive Board and Chairmen of Committees.
13932

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13692 M 24

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13911 M 24

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13685 T. F.

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